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NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF ALABAMA

Montgomery's Revenue Board Appointed.

The governor has announced as a board of revenue for Montgomery county: Messrs. Gilchrist, Allen, Lamar, Carter and Dreyspring.

A Locksmith's Suicide.

William Salisbury, a locksmith, killed himself at his home in Birmingham Saturday by nearly shooting off the top of his head. He had been ill for some little time and it unsettled his mind. While at home alone he took his own life.

New Election Ordered.

The Jefferson county democratic committee Friday held a meeting and settled the question of who is to be the sixth nominee for delegate to the constitutional convention by ordering a new primary to held April 15.

Sons of Veterans.

Camp N. B. Forrest, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was organized at Huntsville last Saturday night with the following officers: E. H. Foster, commander; John H. Wallace, Jr., adjutant; Thomas W. Jones, treasurer. The camp was named in compliment to the Confederate cavalry general.

Populist County Convention.

At Jasper the Walker county populist held a county convention and elected I. G. Robbins, S. J. Wright, W. J. Jones and H. D. Gaines as delegates to the populist state convention to be held in Birmingham May 3. The convention declared against a constitutional convention and so instructed its delegates.

New Found Mines.

The Sloss Iron and Steel company are preparing to open large, new mines at Bivea Station, on the Southern railway, one mile east of Brookside. A side track is being graded to the point where the opening will be made and work is to be begun at once. The new mine will be known as the New Found Mines.

Populists to Meet.

Dr. G. B. Crowe, state populist chairman, has already issued a call for a state convention of his party to be held in Birmingham on May 3, at which time the populists will select constitutional convention delegates and declare themselves in a formal way on the subject.

Alabama Coal Output.

State Mine Inspector J. DeB. Hooper has given out the final official figures on the coal output of Alabama for last year. The total coal of all kinds was 6,527,756 tons. This is an increase over the production of 1897 of 638,995 tons and is about 20,000 tons more than the official estimates showed when first made two months ago.

Large Carpet Plant for Anniston.

The Anniston Carpet company has been organized with a capital stock of \$50,000 for the manufacture of ingrain carpet. A large lot has been purchased and the work of building will begin next week. It is hoped to have the plant in operation by the first of June. Sixty to seventy operators will be employed and the output will be some 1,500 yards a day.

Valuable Lands Bought.

A syndicate of Richmond and Baltimore capitalists, headed by John Skelton Williams, is said to have concluded the purchase of 1,800 acres of valuable mineral lands near Gate City. The plans of the purchasers have not been made public, but it is said that they contemplate building three or four furnaces at some future date and may develop the artesian wells on the land for supplying water to suburban towns around Birmingham.

Opposed to the Convention.

The republican state executive committee met in Birmingham Saturday and passed resolutions opposing the calling of a constitutional convention as proposed by the democrats. All the people are called upon to aid in defeating the constitutional convention at the polls in July. The chairman was empowered to appoint a campaign committee, which will prosecute a vigorous fight against the new constitution.

STEAMER GOES DOWN.

Terrible Disaster Off the Coast of England—70 Lives Lost.

SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.—The passenger steamer Stella, plying between this port and the Channel Islands, crashed upon the dreaded Casquet Rocks, near the island of Alderney, Friday, in a dense fog and fendered. In ten minutes her boiler exploded with a tremendous report, as she went down.

According to the latest estimates not more than 70 persons were drowned out of the 220 on board the Stella. Other reports, however, place the number of drowned much higher. There were only two Americans on board and they were saved.

AN AGED DIVINE.

North Carolina Minister Preaches at an Advanced Age.

Rev. James Needham died at his home near Pilot Mountain, N. C., Saturday morning. He would have been 100 years old on May 2d. He was a Methodist minister, active and energetic up to the end, his last sermon having been preached in Winston last November at the session of the western North Carolina conference.

Second Advance in Miners' Wages.

The Sloss Iron and Steel company has posted notices at its mines, near Birmingham, to the effect that effective April 1, there is an increase in the coal miners' wages of 2 1/2 cents on the ton.

This is the second advance that has been made since February, the other being made on March 1. The basis is the Pratt City scale of 40 cents on the ton, the highest that has been paid in some years. It is said the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railway company will also grant the same advance.

The State University.

President James K. Powers, of the State University, is a ceaseless worker and he has done much for the University, and can do more. Whether mistakenly or not, the people of Alabama had come to believe that the State University was not a good place to send a boy. The trustees determined to try to correct this impression, and to put new life into the old institution. They selected Dr. Powers and put him to work on the matter and he has justified their hopes.

Nevertheless he has had opposition, and has met obstacles and has suffered some from interested and unjust criticism, but the state recognizes that he has made a start toward the beginning of the new career for the University, and gives us hope that our boys will yet go there in numbers nearer 1,200 than 200. They will do it if their parents feel assured that they will acquire an education and habits which will fit them for the life they must lead in Alabama.

The Ledger feels a deep interest in the University, and ardently wishes to see it an ideal for practical and useful education, as well as a source of learning that will attract young men from all the south. God speed you, Dr. Powers and the trustees.—Birmingham Ledger.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.

Full List Selected by Alabama Democratic Convention.

The following is a complete list of the delegates-at-large to the constitutional convention named by the democratic state convention at Montgomery:

First district, W. T. Sanders of Limestone; Second district, A. F. Murray of Morgan; Third district, Robert L. Hupp of Blount; Fourth district, John W. Grayson of Madison; Fifth district, J. B. Ames of Marshall; Sixth district, Stamos E. Goodhue of Etowah; Seventh district, John B. Knox of Calhoun; Eighth district, T. S. Plowman of Talladega; Ninth district, John R. Robinson of Chambers; Tenth district, T. L. Bulger of Tallapoosa; Eleventh district, Geo. A. Searcy of Tuscaloosa; Twelfth district, J. H. Bankhead, Jr., of Walker; Thirteenth district, R. M. Cunningham of Jefferson; Fourteenth district, Wm. A. Altman of Sumter; Fifteenth district, John H. Parker of Elmore; Sixteenth district, Morgan M. Smith of Autauga; Seventeenth district, G. R. Farnham of Conecuh; Eighteenth district, W. F. Hogue of Perry; Nineteenth district, Howard Douglas of Washington; Twentieth district, Wm. Cunningham of Marengo.

Twenty-first district, H. H. Johnson of Monroe; twenty-second district, Jos. W. Jones of Wilcox; Twenty-third district, Wm. C. Oates of Henry; Twenty-fourth district, A. H. Merrell of Barbour; Twenty-fifth district, Walter C. Black of Pike; Twenty-sixth district, D. S. Bethune of Bullock; Twenty-seventh district, Geo. P. Harrison of Lee; Twenty-eighth district, Tennent Louax of Montgomery; Twenty-ninth district, Thomas Bradford of Cherokee; Thirtieth district, Frank L. Pettus of Dale; Thirty-first district, W. I. Bullock of Franklin; Thirty-second district, Wm. B. Inge of Hale; Thirty-third district, Richard H. Clarke of Mobile.

TO SETTLE SAMOAN QUESTION.

A Joint Commission Will Be Appointed by the United States, England and Germany.

A joint commission to settle the Samoan trouble has been practically agreed upon by the United States, British and German governments. Lord Salisbury's absence from London alone delays the formal acceptance by Great Britain. The United States has expressed its approval. As the proposition emanates from Germany, her approval of course is assured.

This high commission, it is felt, affords a pacific solution of the whole trouble at the moment when Samoan affairs begin to look the most threatening. The new plan has been fully gone over by Secretary Hay and the British and German ambassadors at Washington, and its essential details worked out. Each nation is to be represented by one member on the commission. It is to have practically unlimited authority without the necessity of referring its decisions back to the several governments for approval.

Another important provision under consideration is that King Oscar, of Norway and Sweden, shall be the umpire in case the three high commissioners should fail to reach a determination. The sitting of the commission will probably be in Samoa.

BARONESS HIRSCH DEAD.

Like Her Husband, She Gave Millions to Charity.

Baroness Hirsch, widow of the late Baron Hirsch, the Hebrew philanthropist, died in Paris Saturday. Baron Hirsch left an estate of \$25,000,000 much of which was bequeathed to charity and afterward disposed of by the baroness. Millions to charity have been spent in colonizing large bodies of Russian refugees in the United States and the Argentine republic. Baroness Hirsch was quite as remarkable a personage as her husband, worth many millions in her own right, she gave as freely of her own wealth as of that left by her husband.

Finding that the Hirsch school in New York was in a rented building she gave \$150,000 to rear a house of its own. Commenting on the excellent work of the educational alliance in New York she declared that the mortgage of \$100,000 on its buildings in Jefferson street must be hampering it. She therefore gave her check for that amount to the association.

Especially did she desire to aid the working girls of New York city. A home for working girls was the outgrowth, she giving \$200,000 for ground and buildings and annuity of \$12,000. Having organized several similar homes in Belgium, in all a careful estimate shows that the Baroness Hirsch spent \$1,500,000 in the city of New York in charitable work since her husband's death three years ago.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

A Remarkable and Varied List Reported During the Past Week.

A remarkably varied list of new industries reported by The Chattanooga Tradesman for the week ending April 1, 1899, includes a butter dish factory, a carpet mill and a cement mill in Alabama; clay works in Mississippi; a \$120,000 clothing factory in Texas; a 5,000 spindle cotton mill in Alabama; and two cotton mills in Georgia—one of them with 26,000 spindles; cotton seed oil mills in Arkansas, North Carolina and Texas; a creamery in Arkansas; electric light plant in Florida and West Virginia; an ice and fuel company in North Carolina; a flouring mill in East Tennessee; a furniture factory in North Carolina; and cake works in East Tennessee. A knitting mill in Alabama; two lumber companies, \$20,000 and \$150,000 capital, in Mississippi; a mining and roofing company in Virginia; a pottery in West Virginia; a \$100,000 sugar refinery in Louisiana; a telephone exchange in Kentucky; a tobacco factory in Middle Tennessee.

Miners Strike for an Advance.

One miners at Fossil, Wades Gap, Muscoda, Redding and Alice went out on a strike Saturday, complaining of the check system. A thousand miners quit work and the output was cut off one hundred cars a day.

Coal miners at Hargrove and Belle Ellen struck in sympathy with day laborers, who demand an advance of 6 1/2 per cent in wages.

Drivers in the mines at Blocton also struck for an advance and there was but little work there.

STARVING TO DEATH.

Terrible Condition of Affairs Reported From Manila.

The Seattle (Wash.) Times prints a letter from a Washington volunteer at Manila which was written under date of February 15, as follows:

"The native women and children in our neighborhood and beyond, as well as the old men and sick, are absolutely starving to death. Their husbands and fathers have been killed, wounded, captured or driven back to Malolos, their houses burned to the ground with all their earthly possessions, and they are left with no means of subsistence. They attempt to come into the American lines by thousands, but have to be turned back. We cannot feed them."

Brewing Company Fails.

The Schaefer-Meyer Brewing company of Louisville, Ky., fled a deed of assignment in the county clerk's office Saturday, turning over its property to the Columbia Finance and Trust company for the benefit of creditors. The liabilities are estimated at some \$130,000, and the assets are about \$300,000.

GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL CITY

Newsy Batch of Items Pertaining to National Questions.

WEATHER BUREAU CROP REPORT ISSUED.

Incendary Proclamation Issued by the German Consul—War Department Taking Precautions Against Introduction of Yellow Fever.

The weather bureau crop report for the month just passed says:

Upon the whole, the season is backward at the close of March, the month having been very unfavorable for crop operations. While the average temperature of March was somewhat above the normal in the southern states, the season in that section is reported from two to three weeks late except in Texas, where it is more nearly normal.

The general condition of wheat is less favorable than at the close of February and at the close of that month the late sown is less promising than that seeded early.

Preparations for cotton planting in Texas are all advanced and some have been planted in the southern part of the state; some have already been planted in portions of Georgia and South Carolina.

Sono corn has been planted as far north as Tennessee and Oklahoma, and farther south a large portion of the crop has been planted.

Some spring oats have been sown as far north as the lower Missouri and Ohio valleys.

The following was given out at the state department Saturday afternoon:

"The secretary of state has received from the secretary of the navy a telegram addressed to him by Rear Admiral Kautz relative to the Samoan matters. It is dated New Castle, New South Wales, March 30, 1899, and reads as follows:

"Mataafa people obeyed orders to leave government reservation. Since then they have become aggressive, killing Private Holloway and three German sailors. Our man killed guarding American consulate. German consul issued incendiary proclamation saying that my proclamation was untrue and that he should uphold provisional government. The British forces act in concert with the United States, shelling rebels where they can be reached."

The war department has been advised that some apprehension exists in the southern states that the return of the troops from Cuba may bring yellow fever infection. Protests have been made against the establishment of camps at Atlanta and the suggestion has been made that troops should be sent north early and not mustered in the south. So far as the southern troops are concerned, it is impossible to master them out only near their homes. The northern troops it is intended to bring.

It is stated at the department that investigation into the plan to establish a camp at Atlanta develops the fact that the cost will be considerable, while there are established camps at Savannah, Augusta and other points with ample provision for all the troops. For this reason it is probable that no camp will be established at Atlanta.

The war department is taking every precaution possible to prevent infection and makes no move without consulting Surgeon-General Wyman, of the marine hospital service. The department is acting upon his suggestion and advice and the whole matter of protection against disinfection is in his hands. If there is the least danger of infection the troops will be brought to Camp Meade, in Pennsylvania.

THEY WANT THE TREASURY.

Members of the Cuban Assembly Will Not Give Up the Army Rolls.

HAVANA.—Beguiled by mysterious telegrams from Washington, the military assembly did not dissolve Saturday, as the Americans and many Cubans had hoped and expected. The twenty-three of the members present were unwilling to vote for dissolution, because they still believe in the ability of the assembly to raise a large loan with the help of the United States government.

The session opened with the tendering of the resignations of the members of the executive committee, action of which was postponed until the next meeting. A motion was offered providing for the appointment of a new executive committee to close up the affairs of the assembly after its dissolution.

A motion was also made to concede military grades and insignia to the civil representatives of the Cubans in arms. During the argument on the motion it appeared that the future payment of officers by a possible Cuban republic was being considered, and hence the matter of grade is important. General Sanguliv favored paying many Cuban generals of today who have never seen a day's fighting, declaring that among the civilian members of the Cuban party there were the most devoted men he ever knew. The motion was finally carried. It means the admission to payment, according to conceded military grades, of many men who have not been recognized as such, before the day for the payment of officers ever comes.

General Andrade, president of the assembly, read telegrams from Senors Hevia and Villalon, the delegates sent to Washington by the assembly to endeavor to secure more money for the Cuban troops. The first telegram was as follows:

"March 31.—Andrade, Havana: No hope at present. Hay received us officially. Transmits president today our request. Said would convey answer short time. Hay opinion president will not authorize loan."

"VILLALON, 'HEVIA'."

The second read:

"President answers impossible increase amount offered or authorize loan. We accept resolution to dissolve. We leave Sunday."

"VILLALON, 'HEVIA'."

WINDSOR HOTEL VICTIMS.

According to Morgue Report the Known Dead Now Numbers Forty-five.

Workmen were digging in the central portion of the Windsor hotel, New York, Saturday, when they took out a body nearly intact. It was that of a man. A few minutes later in the same place another body of a man was dug out. The man had been a large person. A good deal of clothing was discovered about, including a white handkerchief marked "Black." Part of a receipted card made out to H. W. Loree was also found. This bill will help to identify the body as the list of missing contains the name of Henry W. Loree, a mail clerk, who was 22 years old.

There is no one named Black on the missing list.

The complete morgue record of the Windsor victims up to Saturday night was as follows:

Killed during the fire and died subsequently of injuries received during the fire, eleven; bodies taken from the ruins and identified, two; unidentified bodies taken from the ruins, thirty-two. Total known dead, forty-five.

TENNESSEE'S COPPER MINES.

New York Syndicate Invests \$157,500 in Cash in Ducktown.

The purchase of the Ducktown copper mines by a New York syndicate, which was reported in embryo a week ago, was consummated Saturday. The Lewisohn Brothers, copper kings of New York, are the purchasers of the Pittsburgh and Tennessee Copper company's mines and plant at Ducktown. The price paid was \$157,500 in cash.

Other adjoining properties are also purchased, at an additional expenditure of nearly 100,000. J. Parke Canning, of New York, has been appointed general manager of the Ducktown works for Lewisohn Bros. A large sum will be spent in the plant and mines.

This property will be operated in connection with other copper interests owned by the Lewisohns.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

American wheat seems to be popular in Spain in spite of past differences.

A modification of the church-fair idea is a plan of a Methodist Episcopal Church in Chester County, Penn., to have an auction of farm stock and implements, the animals and goods to be solicited.

Trolley cars are to run past the pyramids. Many other things could be done to improve the pyramids, such as fitting them up with elevators, electric lights and restaurants at about every sixth story. Admire the pyramids as we may, the fact cannot be denied that they are much behind the times.

The King of Samoa receives \$125 per annum salary and house rent. He manages to save the greater part of it by living on bananas, bread fruit and other spontaneous products. He has no coal or gas bills, and as for clothing, fig leaves are plentiful in his front yard. Taken all in all, the King's position is a "snag."

The old-fashioned profit, which parroted more of the character of highway robbery than any other, is an institution of the past, says the Shoe and Leather Gazette. It may even now occasionally thrive for a short time under favorable conditions, but in such cases the day of retribution is bound to overtake those who practice it.

According to an estimate that has been made of the Anglo-American marriages during the past few years no fewer than 152 American women have married European noblemen. The dowries they have brought amount in the aggregate to more than \$165,000,000 which would give an average fortune of some \$100,000 to each of them.

A correspondent writes us from Lausanne, says the Petit Matin, that the district of Lavaux, situated between Lausanne and Vevey and having a population of 10,000, is at this moment in the proud position of being able to boast that in the several prisons in the district there is not a single prisoner. A white flag floats over every prison in token of this praiseworthy fact and virtue reigns supreme in the canton of Vaud.

In Germany almost the whole railroad mileage is public property. The cost of the broad-gauge railroads up to 1897 was \$2,823,478,880; the gross receipts in that year were \$76,399,370 and the operating expenses \$25,145,532. The surplus of \$101,253,838 gave a return of 6.15 per cent on the capital invested, the ordinary rate of interest in Germany being less than 3 per cent. The profits of the State railroads pay 40 per cent. of the total expenses of the Prussian government.

If it be true that it is the business man who controls the destinies of nations to-day, then there should be little fear of any serious clash between Great textile industry in which France is pre-eminent is that of silk, and her best customer on silk goods is the United Kingdom, which imports French silks annually to the extent of \$30,000,000, out of a total export of \$33,000,000. Next to Great Britain the United States is one of the best customers of France on silk fabrics.

The English language does not suffer in the test of musicalness when compared with the speech of the Donkhorists, who have just come from their homes in the Caucasus to settle in Manitoba. Some of the colonists have been married since landing. Their names are not adapted to rapid utterance, nor do they suggest melody. Vasily Kirin has taken a Malachof to wife, and other surnames of the newly wedded are Slatochuchin, Obedkova, Grichich, Chlachova, Ziberova, Legebokof. Nevertheless, the people behead the names have some excellent qualities in common with the rest of the sect.

During the first two months of the year nearly \$3,000,000 has been given to American colleges and universities. Among the principal beneficiaries are: Groton Academy, \$75,000; University of Chicago, \$368,874; Teachers' College, New York, \$200,000; Harvard University, \$1,015,000; Princeton University, \$18,000; Barnard College, \$10,000; Art Institute, Chicago, \$10,000; Pennsylvania State University, \$100,000; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$50,000; McKendree College, \$50,000; St. Johnsbury College, \$10,000; Kansas Wesleyan University, \$100,000; Rochester Theological Seminary, \$20,000; Armour Institute, \$750,000.

British missionaries never die in vain. Their government always makes the homicidal heathen pay for killing them in both cash and trading privileges. The latest incident of this kind in China involved the payment of \$30,000 and the opening of a new treaty port. "One missionary, one port" is about the ratio, though occasionally where something else is wanted the British take it for full measure. Complaint is often made that foreign missionaries make more trouble in politics than they do good in religion, but they always seem to serve a most useful purpose to Great Britain in adding to the number of her valuable land possessions.

At Stratford-on-Avon, the poet's birthplace, is a desk said to have been used by Shakespeare. The desk looks authentic. It shows marks where generations of schoolboys have whittled it.

It was presented to the trustees of the house many years ago, but now the governors of King Edward's School, at Stratford-on-Avon want it back, insisting that, as it was originally the property of the school, English law makes

the desk forever theirs.

The matter looks as if it were to be settled in this way: The museum keeps the desk and the King Edwards school is to have a tablet, which is to mark the spot where, according to tradition, the little boy Shakespeare sat.

According to statistics just published by the Government, our exports of manufactured goods during the calendar year 1898 reached the enormous total of \$307,924,991, and they are increasing at the rate of more than \$25,000,000 a year. To the outer world we are no longer merely or even chiefly a nation of farmers. American ingenuity in devising labor-saving machinery, American "enterprise" in organizing effort and the superiority of the American workman have made our manufacturers a more important element in our commerce than is our grain.

And while if we add cotton, meat and the like our aggregate farm products still lead, we have nevertheless become one of the foremost nations in the world in manufactures.

The Philippine coconut is an article of much commercial importance, and has a tremendous and unlimited future. The islands can grow enough to supply the world, though that is not necessary, as they abound in other places, but there is no doubt that the product will have an increasing and ultimately a most important money value. Marseilles alone in 1897 imported one hundred and fifty million pounds of the oil of which, mixed with American cottonseed oil, is employed in the manufacture of the fine toilet soaps for which that place is famous.

For such purposes the demand is without limit. Skillfully managed, the coconut crop alone ought in a few years to pay the cost to us of the islands.

Consul-General Gowdy in his annual report states that during the past year there has been a marked increase. In Paris, France, in the adoption of automobiles, not only as pleasure vehicles owned by private individuals, but in the way of cabs serving the public for hire and for business purposes in the way of delivery wagons, specially those for long distances. It is announced that at the beginning of the next year there are to be one hundred motor cabs driven by electrical power running in the streets of Paris, and if the experiment is successful, the cabs will be increased to one thousand.

With this project in view a large plot of ground has been acquired, where the building of works necessary for the housing of cabs and machinery for electrical supply is being rapidly completed.

It cannot be a pleasing exhibit to its own members that the Chamber of Commerce makes of the foreign commerce of the port of New York during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898. Although the increase at all the ports of the United States over the previous year was \$55,782,376, the foreign commerce of this port showed a decrease of \$39,255,730. The previous fiscal year only showed a decrease, but it was only \$3,153,044. Of the total foreign commerce of the United States in the last fiscal year, \$2,069,363,069, the share of New York was \$996,955,416, or less than 50 per cent. Harbor improvements, better docks and terminal facilities and suitable railway freight rates are obvious remedies for this local shrinkage.

In connection with the peace proposals of the Czar, a correspondent of one of the London dailies has pointed out a curious coincidence between 1799 and 1899. In the first mentioned year the Czar and the King of Great Britain and a correspondent on an military armaments, but it was then with a view to their increase, not decrease. The idea was to combine England, Russia and Prussian against "our common enemy, France." Russia was to supply the men, and England the money. The Czar informed his good brother, George, King of Great Britain, that "he was ready to afford their ally, the King of Prussia, a successor of land forces," and that he had planned for that purpose 45,000 infantry and cavalry and a corresponding number of guns.

The government of George III. then undertook to furnish the Czar with a subsidy of \$75,000 a month, and engaged to pay the first amount as soon as the Russian armament had crossed the frontier, and to pay a like sum at the beginning of each month for twelve months, "unless peace should first be made."

Slavery to Fear.

To worry is to throw dust into one's eyes, to tread on pointing pins and needles, to annoy the breast with needless gasps and groans. We, as a people, are nervous, fretful, and foreboding. The reins are ever falling from our hands, whilst the infuriated steeds of disaster begloom the day; horrible nightmares murder our sleep, and ghosts of forgotten sorrows stalk through the night.

Our childhood is nursed in fear, and brought forth in foreboding. We are forced to begin life wrong. We are taught that we are plunged at once into the midst of a tremendous battle. Each is against the other. Everywhere are weapons pointed at use which we must dodge and escape, or disgrace and defeat will follow. Life is a game of "give and take," every honest every man, and he is already slain, whose back is turned.—Henry Frank, in The Arena.

One hundred and ninety-three meat shops in Paris, France, offer horse meat for sale. The prime cuts sell at about twenty cents per pound and the inferior at ten.

We are prepared to meet your wants, and we want your trade if

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We especially invite you to come in and examine our line of

SPRING GOODS,

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Red Store Company,

H. FOX, M'g'r

Columbiana, Ala.

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know. News From Different Beats.

Charlie Pearson is improving slowly.

A. F. Wilson, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

Phillip Erick spent Sunday with friends at Weldon.

The city was full of drummers Monday and Tuesday.

J. S. Falkner spent Sunday with home folks at Sterrett.

H. Fox has been confined to his room this week with grip.

C. C. Seal, of beat 9, is serving as a petit juror this week.

John Mooney has a position in the Probate Judge's office.

E. W. Chapman was in Birmingham last week on business.

Rev. S. N. Burns spent several days this week in Gadsden.

Commissioners' Court was in session several days this week.

Hon. W. H. Sturdivant, of Bamford, was in the city Monday.

Planters' CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Georgia Cromwell, of near Shelby, spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. W. W. Walls and son Edgar spent Sunday with Shelby friends.

Eugene Williams, of Vincent, was in the city Saturday paying off teachers.

Miss Mattie Worsham, of Birmingham, visited friends in the city this week.

C. B. Duran and wife, of near Calera, spent Sunday with relatives in the city.

Miss Pearl Hendrick, of Renfro, visited relatives and friends in the city this week.

Planters' RUBIAN TEA cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Taliaferro Wallace, of Harpersville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Beavers.

Dr. W. S. DuBose and son Ham spent several days last week with relatives at Benton.

Rev. W. I. Sinsott filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

Misses Catherine Owen and Hattie Harrell, of Shelby, spent Saturday evening with friends in the city.

Quite a crowd of young people from Shelby attended the entertainment at the school house last Friday night.

Planters' CUBAN RELIEF cures Cuts, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sore Throat, Summer Complaints. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

The Easter egg hunt at the Central given by the Juvenile Missionary Society, was much enjoyed by the little folks and a success financially.

Sheriff Roper, of Dawsonville, Ga., came over Sunday and returned the following day with Bob Finton, who is accused of murder, as stated in our last issue.

"What's the matter" with giving our horse or mule a dose of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic when he has colic? It will cure him; and that's what you want. For sale by druggists and country merchants.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

To be Held at Wilsonville, Ala., April 21 and 22, 1899.

The following program has been prepared for the above occasion:

Institute opening at 10 a. m., Friday, April 21st.

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. E. Burns.

Address of welcome, by Prof. J. R. Edmonds.

Response, by Prof. A. G. Spinks.

Enrollment of teachers.

1:30 P. M.

Teaching common fractions—J. H. Mooney, W. H. Byrd.

Teaching English grammar—Misses Ida O'Hara and Eva Farr.

Teaching penmanship—Prof. F. Myratt.

Denominate numbers—Rev. S. S. Crumpton.

Paper: The teacher as a student—Misses Louella Lyon and M. E. Pelham.

7:30 P. M.

Papers on "School-building, or how to build up a school"—Misses Ophelia Galloway and Irene Kennedy.

Should the State educate the children?—Prof. W. B. Greek and J. B. Kiptrick.

Discussion of our new school laws by teachers of the institute.

Patriotism in the school—Prof. C. H. Florey.

Errors of our school system—Prof. H. C. Cain and Miss Annie Gilsby.

9 A. M. SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises.

Paper: Neatness and politeness among the pupils—Miss Minnie Kidd.

Discipline in school-room, by the Institute.

Teaching orthography—Prof. H. A. Stovall and G. E. Wheeler.

Paper: Literature in school—Mrs. W. W. Wallace.

Penmanship—J. B. Farrell.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Notes—Every teacher expecting to continue in the work should attend this institute and hear the new school laws fully discussed.

Patrons, trustees, and friends of education are cordially invited to meet with us.

EUGENE WILLIAMS, County Supt. Education.

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J. W. Pilgreen, of Calera, is acting as bailiff this week at Circuit Court.

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Vandiver.

Rev. Harvey Grimes filled his regular appointment at the Free-will Baptist Church here last Sunday, and delivered an able sermon to a large congregation.

There was a quiet wedding near this place last Wednesday night, at the residence of G. E. Brasher, the bride's father: James Howard, of Birmingham Water Works, to Miss Fanny Brasher. We extend congratulations.

Prof. J. M. Mundine and sister, Miss Olive, attended divine service near Yellow Leaf last Saturday and Sunday.

Squire W. A. Brasher is attending court as a petit juror.

W. N. Isbell and Wm. Hollis made a business trip to Birmingham last week.

J. L. Vandiver has purchased the Lafayette Cook lot, adjoining the hotel lot, recently vacated by Dr. Lowley.

I notice that at this place the Chronicle has a correspondent who must be some Democrat that has had an assignment to some petty office.

Old Fox.

Quito.

Rain in abundance, much to the regret of the farmers.

Corn planting time is at hand now. Farmers should make good use of it, and not plant so much cotton.

Arthur Walker passed through our vicinity this week. He is 82 years old, and yet can go where he pleases.

James M. Allen, Esq., who has been attending U. S. Court at Birmingham, returned home Saturday.

We hear that there are yet a few cases of measles in our vicinity.

Miss Wilma Deshazo is visiting relatives at Montevallo.

Miss Katie Allen is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Mattie Cox, at Bridgeton.

Tom Nash, who has been attending the Pelham High School, has returned home to work upon the farm. Success to him in his endeavor to gain an education.

The weather has been quite changeable for the past few days; rain in abundance followed by cool breezes.

We hope that what little fruit there is is yet safe.

The school at New Hope has from some unknown cause been closed. Health continues very good.

Success to The Advocate and its many readers.

JACK.

Saginaw.

Farmers are behind with their work.

Saginaw Lumber Company is shipping a lot of lumber to different parts of the State.

Rev. Harris filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. L. P. Arnold and two daughters, Misses Claudie and Stella, of Longview, visited friends here Wednesday.

Ed. Payne, of Pelham, passed through town Sunday on his way to Columbiana.

J. N. Brooker, W. A. Walker, and Tom Smitherman attended services at Elliottsville Sunday afternoon.

The Easter entertainment here Sunday night was very good.

J. N. Brooker started to see his Ebenezer girl Wednesday night, but got lost and never got there.

Wonder what's the matter with Pete, the Longview correspondent. We presume he is forsaken himself this time.

A large number of people from Siluria, Elliottsville, Ebenezer Longview, and Campranch attended the entertainment.

We think some one will get to eat some cake soon, the way one of the boys goes up the creek.

Mrs. Johns and little son Joseph, of Birmingham, are visiting relatives here.

Rev. Furgerson, of Birmingham, attended services here and at Campranch Sunday.

Miss Nannie Fulton, of Maylene, is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, attended the entertainment Sunday night.

Miss M. accepted her new fellow's company, but he didn't go with her. It must have had a bad effect on her, as two boys aided her home.

Lex.

Redlawn.

Health good. Weather fine, and the farmers are making good use of it.

Geo. Stone, of Fourmile, passed through our town Sunday.

Several of the young people of this place attended divine service at Nelson's Chapel Sunday.

S. Falkner passed through our parts Sunday.

J. W. Spelman and L. B. Riddle went to Yellowleaf Sunday—"dear" hunting, we suppose.

Pickens Miner went to Columbiana Friday on business.

The debate at Littlehope Saturday night was quite a success, and will be held again next Saturday night, when the subject for discussion will be: "Resolved, That woman wields a greater influence over man than money." Everybody invited.

Misses Alice Miner and Louella Lyon went to Columbiana Saturday and each bought them a new hat: so no one will now be in it but them, I suppose.

E. B. Lyon went to Beeswax Sunday—"dear" hunting.

E. S. Kytel was the happy guest of Miss Eva Farr Sunday evening.

W. A. Walton and Sam Stinson passed through our parts Sunday on their way to K.

Arthur C. was out to see Miss Jennie Hattaway Sunday. We expect we will soon get to eat cake.

We are glad to know the children of Mr. Stone are improved.

Edge, of Fourmile, said I solicit help. I am glad to say I do not; so we will not go any further with it.

Ned.

Highland.

Health good, with few exceptions. Rain in abundance.

Eugene has a smile on his face: it's a boy!

John W. Walker attended court this week; he says he did not know that Shelby County could afford so many ugly people.

Prof. D., of Campranch: How about Avondale and its girls?

The growing wheat is looking fine.

Some mumps in the neighborhood.

Sam Dennis and wife are visiting relatives.

Frank Miller, we learn, is doing a big business in Birmingham.

Bob says that under the present circumstances he is compelled to bid Miss Dora farewell—with much regret. Don't weep, Dora!

We are inclined to believe that we will get some cake, if the poor mule and "yaller hoss" continue to go through the big gate.

Shorty was badly disappointed.

H.: What was the matter with that buggy?

Willie Nabors has accepted a position with Thomas B. Miller.

J. W. Walker and family attended services at Newhope Sunday.

Tom Shelton was seen going up the road Sunday. Where were you going, Tom?

Carrie: Do you deny answering that letter?

The entertainment given Wednesday night by Floyd Warren was much enjoyed by all present, especially by Ebb N.

Rev. Felix Vann was in our vicinity recently.

Ed.: Bud has "suspicioned" you.

EARLY BIRD.

Fourmile.

W. A. Brasher was here Monday.

W. B. Crumpton went to Lewis Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young people attended the debate Saturday evening.

Farming is progressing slowly in this section of country, owing to so much rain.

Miss Alice Hadaway, who has been visiting her sister, near Weldon, returned home Sunday, to the delight of many.

Several of our young people attended services at Nelson's Chapel Sunday.

Easter Sunday was a beautiful day, and seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all.

Philip Erick, of Columbiana, accompanied by Miss Alma Jackson, of this place, attended Easter services at Liberty Sunday.

We will say to the little punster of Wilsonville that we have no words of apology to offer for anything we have said; but what he said in regard to the two organs is of his own make, and a lie from beginning to end. He said we were worse than any savage that ever trod America's soil. We will say in reply that he is not half as good as the blackest tramp that ever walked the railroad and begged for his living; and furthermore, he hasn't got sense enough to lead a blind horse to water, much less write a local item.

Edge.

Wilsonville.

Several of our boys attended court last week.

R. G. Weldon is improving.

E. S. Kytel was in town Saturday.

Rev. Frances filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday and Sunday night, when he preached interesting sermons.

Edge: When we speak about the Fourmile correspondent, we don't mean Fourmile itself, nor do we mean any family; but we mean Edge, as he is the organ agent.

C. T. Weldon was with his best girl Sunday night. J. I. Edwards got left.

G. W. Carter was in town Saturday.

E. S. Kytel has secured a position in the office of J. C. Jackson & Sons every Saturday, but when the girls come in he hardly knows what to do.

Edge: When you leave Fourmile we will publish its improvements, as it will be very much improved.

Pinch.

Weldon.

Health not good.

D. W. Sharbutt went to Columbiana last Saturday.

M. V. Phillips, of Vincent, was at Weldon Friday.

H. W. Sharbutt visited at Cresswell Sunday.

G. T. Cowart and sister, Miss Ida, of Coosa Valley, were in our town Friday.

W. R. Gardner and wife spent Sunday at Fourmile.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sharbutt spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother in Coosa Valley.

J. M. Baldwin, Jr., paid Columbiana a business trip Saturday.

The way one of our boys goes to Mr. G.'s, we will soon get to eat some yellow bread. How about it, Bill S.?

Mr. Dudley is quite sick; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Success to The People's Advocate and its many readers.

Wild Bill.

Waxahatchie.

Health not good.

Miss Myrtle Ozley is visiting the family of W. J. Morrow.

W. E. Morrow, P. E. Masterson, and T. Richardson attended Easter services at Saginaw Sunday night.

S. B. Strickland and family spent Sunday at Campranch.

Married, on last Thursday, C. W. Jones to Miss S. M. Sykes.

Walter Garrett, of Campranch, passed through our community last Saturday.

Miss Ola Richardson is quite sick; we hope for her a speedy recovery.

From the way the black mule goes over the way, we there will soon be a wedding.

George Porter, of Calera, was in our midst Sunday.

We think, from the way one of our boys goes over between the mountains, we will soon get to eat some pumpkin bread. How about it, H. P. D.?

Triser Joe.

Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Railway will make a very low rate to Charleston, S. C., and return for the occasion of the Confederate Veteran Re-union there May 10th-13th. Tickets will be sold May 8th, 9th, and 10th inclusive, with final limit May 21st.

For further information, call on any agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

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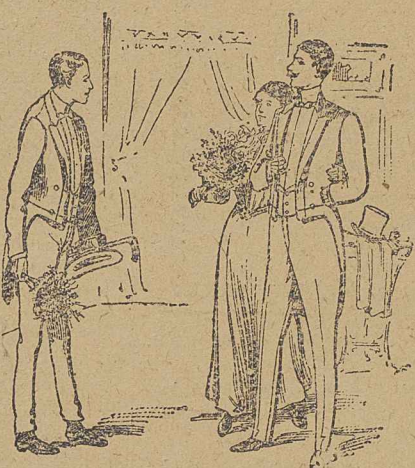
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Health very good, with few exceptions.

D. Spearman, of Fourmile, was in our town Friday.

D. W. Sharbutt paid Childersburg a business visit last week.

Mr. Roper and family spent Saturday night with Berry Spearman.

Eva and Ada Sullivan spent Saturday night with their aunt, Mrs. Spearman.

G. T. Cowart, of Coosa Valley, was in our town Saturday.

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A sharp line of distinction should be drawn between the classes that are in the "submerged tenth" because they are hopelessly degenerate and those coming to us from Canada and Europe, who begin at the bottom, but quickly rise to self-support and self-respect.

A dispatch from Pine Bluff, Ark., to the Little Rock Gazette, states that as a result of the recent successful experiments in Mississippi with monkeys as cotton pickers, several Jefferson county planters will make similar experiments. One of the most successful planters in the state, we are told, will soon have monkeys in his field. This looks like the revival of a hoax that convulsed Birmingham, Ala., some years ago.

Koyama is a member of the Japanese Diet. That body had been considering a land tax bill which the government was determined should become a law. When the roll was called Koyama announced that certain agents of the government had paid him \$4000 to vote for the tax bill, and then sedately proceeded to vote against the measure. In his artless Japanese fashion, Koyama further rebuked his would-be corrupters by pocketing the money. While this is exceedingly interesting evidence going to show that the dawn of civilization in Japan has become a sunburst, it is disappointing. Koyama is evidently young. He must learn that the first requisite of a successful politician is to stay bought and say nothing about it.

It is a little over a year since Philadelphia transferred to the United Gas Improvement company, under a 30 years' lease, the franchise of the gas company, and reports recently made mark sharply the difference between political control and business management. The city now has a revenue of 10 per cent. on an increased quantity of gas sold at \$1 per thousand, whereas it was formerly unable to make both ends meet at a higher rate. Consumers are supplied with better gas, and the worn-out gas mains have been replaced with new ones, to the comfort of citizens whose noses had been assailed with the odor of escaping gas. In this work of betterment \$3,112,829 has been expended within the year, although the lease only requires the expenditure of \$3,000,000 in this way during the first three years, and of \$10,000,000 thereafter. All these improvements, it should be noted, will ultimately revert to the benefit of the city, as at the end of the 30 years the gas-works must be returned to the city without the expenditure of a dollar of public money on the improvements made or to be made.

More evidence of the use of boracic acid as a meat preservative comes from Philadelphia. A soap-maker in that city, who purchases the excess fat from the market stalls, says that about five years ago he noticed that something in connection with the tallow was preventing its union with the lye in the soap-making process. He concluded that there was an acid of some kind in the tallow, and on making that statement to the firm that supplied the tallow it was admitted that the meat men were using a wash for the meat, and that it was boracic acid. He asked if the fluid was injected in the meat, and was told that it was used only on the surface before the meat was put into the ice-chest. The soap-maker adds that he has often since that time noticed in butcher shops that meat that had been undeniably washed with a preserving liquid or powder was avoided by the flies, while they would swarm on untreated meat. He had observed also that he had less trouble with the acid in cold weather, when it was preservative than less of the preservative was used.

Was a Native of Russell County. Dr. G. W. Price, the eminent educator of Nashville, who died in that city Friday night, was a native of Russell county, and was born there September 17, 1831. He was for several years a citizen of Huntsville, being president of the Huntsville Female college from 1872 to 1880, and removed from there to Nashville. His first wife is buried in the city cemetery. Mrs. Lawrence Cooper, of Huntsville, is a daughter of Dr. Price.

The expected strike of the operators and conductors of the Wheeling, West Va., Railway Company for an advance in wages began Saturday. Serious trouble is feared if there is an attempt to operate the road on Sunday.

At Chicago the election commissioners have completed the official count of the ballots cast at Tuesday's mayoralty election. Harrison received 148,412 votes, Carter 107,439, Altgeld 47,162. Harrison's plurality, 40,973.

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF ALABAMA

Gafford's Trial.

John A. Gafford, who is now in the Montgomery jail charged with the murder of Francis B. Lloyd, will be arraigned at the approaching term of the Butler Court at Greenville and probably be tried on the second week of that court, which begins on May 8.

Editor Mickle III.

John J. Mickle, editor and proprietor of the Anniston Evening Index, who went to Washington about two weeks ago, is ill with meningitis at the Sibley Memorial Hospital in that city. The Index, which was established by Mr. Mickle on November 1, 1898, has suspended pending his return.

New City Administration.

The newly elected mayor and city council of Anniston were sworn in last Friday night. They are:

Mayor—F. M. Hight.
Councilmen—W. H. McKleroy, O. Z. Henderson, John H. Castleberry, William O. Ward, G. E. W. Robertson, Lon E. Ritch, Thomas E. Kirby and Max Markstein.
This is the third consecutive term for Mayor Hight.

News From the Capitol.

In his examination of the books of Tax Collector Drakeford, of Macon county, Assistant Examiner Govan finds him due the state \$232.30. He is ready to pay as soon as called on. The discrepancies arose from misconstruction of the law.

The following appointments have been made: C. F. Ensien, notary public, Jefferson; John A. Erwin, notary public and ex-officio justice of the peace, Huntsville; E. A. Wimberly, commissioner of deeds, Bainbridge, Ga.

The adjutant-general has accepted the resignations of Capt. C. P. Anderson and Second Lieutenant W. O. Garside, Troop A, First Squadron Alabama Cavalry, and Major James T. Beck, commanding the squadron, has been directed to order an election in Troop A to fill vacancies occasioned by these resignations. It is understood Mr. Anderson has retired from military life, while Lieutenant Garside is a candidate for captain of this troop.

Ore Miners' Strike.

Two hundred ore miners are still idle at Redding, Fossil and Reeder's Gap, when wages are up and supplies lower.

A miner said this morning that his understanding was that the contractors would not work under the present bookkeeper of the Tennessee Company, and he thought that the real trouble.

Since the Tennessee Company took charge wages have been advanced 2 cents a ton and there has also been a marked out in commissary prices. The two together making mining higher and supplies lower.

Still the bookkeeper trouble stands between the men and the wages, and they are still idle and some are leaving.

School for Wayward Children.

At a meeting in Montgomery last Friday of the board of trustees of the proposed school for wayward and helpless children, Governor Johnston presided.

The following were present: Mrs. R. D. Johnston, of Birmingham; Mrs. S. Cole, of Birmingham; Mrs. T. G. Bush, of Anniston; Mrs. George B. Eager and Mrs. E. H. Fitzpatrick, of Montgomery.

Organization was perfected and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. R. D. Johnston, of Birmingham.
Vice-President—Mrs. George B. Eager, of Montgomery.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. H. Fitzpatrick, of Montgomery.
Treasurer—Mrs. T. G. Bush, of Anniston.
By-laws to govern the board were adopted.

The governor was authorized to appoint a committee of three to visit similar institutions in other states.

The corresponding secretary and the vice-president were constituted a committee to invite and receive bids for the location of the school.

French Mission Wrecked.

Corean advices tell that a French mission was wrecked in Chung Chong province, and a priest abducted. It is not known whether he is alive or dead.

Wholesale Gambling.

The Casino at Monte Carlo wound up its financial year of March 31st with a total income of £1,104,000 (\$5,520,000), being an increase of £40,000 (\$200,000).

New Stamping Machine.

Postmaster W. T. Hutchens has equipped the Huntsville postoffice with an American postal machine with a capacity for stamping 400 letters a minute. The machine will relieve the clerks of a great deal of work.

Gen. Wheeler to Deliver the Oration. Adjutant General Moorman states that General Joseph Wheeler will deliver the oration at the meeting of the United Confederate Veterans at Charleston, S. C., at their reunion on the 10th of May.

Killed with a Shovel.

A quarrel arose Saturday evening between Bob Terrell and Oscar Brooks, two prominent men of Mountsboro. The dispute arose over some land sales. The men were working the roads when the fighting began. They both were using shovels and Terrell struck Brooks a terrible blow on the head. Brooks in turn struck Terrell on the side of the head and killed him almost instantly. He asked to be carried home. After reaching home he lived only a short time. Brooks was arrested and carried to Gadsden and placed in jail.

Girls' Industrial School.

The building committee of the Girls' Industrial school, Montevallo, Hon. F. S. Moody, of Tuscaloosa; Captain Plozman, of Talladega, Hon. W. W. Wadsworth, of Wadsworth, and Judge A. H. Austell, of Mobile, met last Friday. They announced that the new buildings authorized by the legislature, would begin as soon as possible. Four hundred thousand brick will be made at once. The buildings will require about 1,000,000 brick besides fancy brick. The amount of lumber will be large. The Southern railroad has very generously consented to haul this vast amount of material free of charge.

PENSION EXAMINERS.

A Long List Announced by Governor Johnston.

The governor has announced the appointment of pension examiners as follows:

Clay county—Dr. C. S. Northen, W. R. Prue.
Dallas county—Major W. E. Wailes, Dr. T. G. Howard.
Lauderdale county—Lockhart Bibb, D. A. H. Powers.
Randolph county—Dr. J. R. Hood, T. J. East.
Cherokee county—Dr. H. L. Appleton, W. H. McElrath.
Bibb county—Dr. M. C. Schooler, A. D. Smith.
Antauga county—W. A. Overstreet, Dr. M. D. Smith.
Henry county—T. A. Trawick, Dr. A. S. Stegall.
Walker county—Dr. W. C. Rosamond, J. T. Rutledge.
Crenshaw county—Dr. J. E. Kendrick, B. R. Bricken.
Madison county—Dr. H. M. McDonald, W. L. Spivey.
Wilcox county—W. W. McConico, Dr. J. C. Benson.
Colbert county—Dr. A. A. Wall, Shelby Grisham.
Barbour county—W. H. Thomas, Dr. W. L. Jones.
Franklin county—Dr. John K. Clarke, Charles L. Fleming.
Clarke County—Dr. J. W. Armistead, S. P. Chapman.
Blount county—W. B. Clawdus, Dr. F. M. Hudson.
T. R. county—S. H. Gist, Dr. A. T. Nichols.
Tuscaloosa county—H. H. Cribbs, Dr. A. B. Nichols.
Pike county—Dr. J. S. Beard, S. A. Williams.
Lamar county—W. M. Stow, Dr. G. C. Burns.
Elmore county—H. H. Robinson, Dr. O. S. Justice.
Bullock county—Dr. C. H. Franklin, Capt. E. T. Randle.
Mobile county—Dr. J. G. Thomas, William E. Mickle.
Perry county—Dr. E. B. Thompson, B. F. Garrison.
Greene county—Dr. I. D. Morgan, William P. Burgh.
Jefferson county—C. K. Dickie, Dr. T. D. Parke.
Marion county—S. M. Davis, Dr. Wood.
Macon county—Dr. S. W. Johnston, W. H. Hunt.
Tallapoosa county—W. C. McIntosh, Dr. R. V. Salmon.
Fayette county—Dr. R. M. Seay, George W. Stokes.
Winston county—Dr. W. R. Bonds, E. L. Blanton.
Dale county—J. A. Prince, Dr. H. S. Holman.
Talladega county—M. Jackson, Dr. A. Sims.
Geneva county—J. M. Early, Dr. A. R. Chapman.

Secretary Alger at San Juan.

The secretary of war, R. A. Alger, arrived at San Juan at noon Saturday. Enthusiastic demonstrations marked the arrival of the secretary in San Juan. A review of the troops was held in the afternoon, and at night a dinner was given in honor of the secretary at General Henry's residence, followed by a reception.

NEW INDUSTRIES.

Reported by the Chattanooga Tradesman for the Week:

The new industries reported by the Tradesman during the week ended April 8, 1899, include among the more important items a canning factory in Alabama; coal mining development on Lookout mountain; a coopeage works in Kentucky; two round-bale compresses in Texas; cotton mills in Mississippi and South Carolina—the former a \$250,000 investment; cottonseed oil mills in Georgia, South Carolina and Texas; electric light plants in Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; flouring mills in Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia; two furniture factories in Virginia; gold mines and a hosiery mill in North Carolina; steam laundries in Alabama and North Carolina; machine shops in Virginia; a paper mill in West Virginia; a planing mill in Alabama; quarries in Virginia; a telephone company in Arkansas; a factory for telephone and telegraph poles and cross arms in Texas; a timber company in Georgia, and a tobacco factory in Texas.

THIRTEEN LYNCHERS INDICTED

For the Killing of Postmaster Baker at Lake City, S. C.

In the United States court at Charleston, S. C., last week, Judge W. H. Brawley presiding, a true bill was found by the grand jury against thirteen of the men accused of lynching Fraser B. Baker, at Lake City, S. C., February 22, 1898.

The crime was one of the blackest ever perpetrated in South Carolina, he said, and it was the duty of the government to prosecute to the fullest extent any or all of the men who might have been implicated in its commission. The jury retired and brought in the bill after being out less than an hour. The indictment they signed fills fifty typewritten pages and sets forth at great length the indictments of the Lake City lynching.

It will be remembered that on the night of February 22, 1898, a mob went to the house of Postmaster Fraser B. Baker, a negro, who was obnoxious to the people of the town.

Oil was poured on shavings piled against the house and fire set to it. When Baker, his wife and his children tried to escape, he and his infant daughter were killed, while his wife and two other children were seriously wounded by men shooting at them from the woods.

GOOD ONES TO BE SELECTED.

Charleston Cotton Mill Will Be Run by Colored Labor.

The Vesta Cotton Mills, at Charleston, S. C., with its negro labor, began operations on Monday. During the past two weeks the negro ministers of Charleston have been conferring with the management with reference to the picking of a better class of negroes for the mill and this work has been very successful. The rolls are about filled and it is said that negroes of the best class only will be put to work. Hundreds of applications have been turned down because the applicants did not appear to be of the right kind. None of the loafing negroes will be considered and efforts have been made to secure men and women who have families dependent on their steady labor for support. By this means steady workers can be obtained and no unnecessary time will be lost in the matter of training.

President Montgomery has been in the city for several days arranging for the opening of the mill under the new management. Superintendent Potter has had charge of the selecting of the help and he said tonight that this had been most successful. Nearly 800 negroes are needed for the mill and this number has almost been signed.

Business Paralyzed in Samoa. BERLIN, April 8.—An official telegram from the German Consul at Apia, Samoa, dated March 24, says minor collisions are daily occurring, and that the bombardment continues intermittently. Business is at a standstill. All the shops have been closed since March 15.

Spanish Treasure Found. A special to the Galveston (Tex.) News from San Antonio says: "News has been received from Devine, in Medina county, that a Spanish treasure of over 10,000 doubloons, jewelry and documents has been unearthed there. The name of the finder is not given, but the story is vouched for by reliable people."

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WASHINGTON CITY GOSSIP

France Presents a Token of Friendship to the United States.

NAMES FOR NEW BATTLESHIPS ANNOUNCED

Surgeon-General Sternberg Reports on the Condition of Santiago—Cruiser Detroit to Be Sent to Bluefields—Other News.

A notable ceremony occurred at the Blue room of the Executive Mansion at 11 o'clock Saturday when the French Ambassador, M. Cambon, presented to the government and the American people as represented through President McKinley, two magnificent service vases from the French pottery at Sevres. The gift was from the late president of the French Republic, Felix Faure, and commemorated the opening of the new Franco-American cable on August 17, last, when President McKinley and President Faure exchanged the first message over the new line between the White House and the Palace of the Elysees.

The vases and pedestal stand six feet high, and are of a deep blue, characteristic of the finest Sevres ware, as well as in happy accord with the prevailing colors of the blue room.

The presentation was made the occasion for a happy exchange of international greetings, M. Cambon making an address and the president responding.

Surgeon-General Sternberg has received a report from Major Harvard, chief surgeon at Santiago, in which he says that the city and department of Santiago are in generally good sanitary condition. He does not apprehend an outbreak of yellow fever or any other contagious disease. Smallpox for a time was serious in the Holguin district, but Major Woodson's commission has put a stop to it.

Work in the general hospital is progressing, and it is expected that Santiago will soon have the best equipped hospital on the island. Gen. Wood is supplying the necessary money out of the city revenues.

Minister Corea, of Nicaragua, has heard nothing from his government since the authorities here determined to send the cruiser Detroit to Bluefields to see that American interests were protected against the reported exactions of Gen. Torre.

Minister Corea says, however, that he does not apprehend serious trouble at Bluefields, as the Nicaraguan government will see that American citizens are afforded the fullest protection.

The president has authorized the battleships and armored cruisers, which the law requires to be named after states, to be named the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, West Virginia, Nebraska and California.

The six cruisers which are to be named after cities are to be named the Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tacoma and Cleveland.

The president has commuted the sentence of Private Joseph F. Buckley Company E, Second Louisiana volunteers, to dishonorable discharge, with forfeiture of all pay and imprisonment for life. The prisoner was found guilty of murder at a court-martial held at Camp Columbia, Havana, and sentenced to death. He will be confined in the Leavenworth military prison.

The following dispatch reached the war department Saturday:

(SINGAPORE, April 8.
"Adjutant-General, Washington:
"Sail tomorrow at 7; all well."
"SMITH."

The above refers to the transport Sheridan, which sailed from New York on March 19 with the Twelfth Infantry and headquarters, and Companies A, B, C, D and E of the Seventeenth Infantry, including 57 officers and 1,796 enlisted men and 56 women and children. Lieut-Col. J. H. Smith, Twelfth Infantry, commanding.

Secretary Long announces that the delicate and important duties devolving upon Admiral George Dewey in connection with the restoration of peace and the reorganization of the government in the Philippines precludes a compliance with the request of the Business Men's Association of Washington looking to his participation in the proposed peace jubilee in this city next month.

ALABAMA PROGRESS.

The week just closed has not been one of inactivity in the industrial circles of Alabama by a very long jump, as at a glance at the list of reported business ventures of the past seven days will show.

And the reports made do not confine the revival to any one or two or half dozen lines of effort, but the whole field seems to have felt the push of better times.

Following are some of the things that are noted:

The work on the Auditorium at Montgomery is now on. The contractors promise the building complete by September.

Repairing of the old furnace at Attala and the removal to be put on the market of several thousand tons of iron that has been on the yard for years.

The Florence City council has arranged for a better lighting of the city. That city has just placed a bond issue of \$100,000 at a handsome figure.

Work has commenced on the handsome new court house at Lafayette, and will be pushed rapidly to a finish. It will be one of the most convenient temples of justice in the state.

The taking into the rolling mill combine of the Birmingham mills absorbs also the steel plant at Fort Payne, which is part of the property. Fort Payne people are expecting great things in the future from it.

It has developed that Dothan is now the largest interior turpentine town of the nation. This information is from the representative of the Standard Oil company, who was in Dothan the past week. Dothan now ships more spirits and rosin than any interior point of the world, and is second only to Savannah by ocean.

At a meeting of the City Council of Eufaula a contract was made with the present company to furnish the city with lights for another year and the project for building a plant to be owned and operated by the city was abandoned. The council also decided to put in water meters and authority was given to put in an order for 100 at once.

At Gadsden the Hoffman, Billings & Weller Pipe Works are again branching out, making the second enlargement in the past three months. A storeroom 40x60 feet is being erected on Broad street, and the foundry department is having a new building 35x110 feet added, making this plant twice as large as any in the South. A new switch track is also being put in. Last week fifteen carloads of pipe were shipped. A voluntary advance of 5 per cent. in wages of all moulders was announced last Saturday. Over 200 men are employed and the pay roll amounts to \$1,000 per week.

A new cotton mill is to be built at Lanett, where are already big cloth-making plants. It is to contain 20,000 spindles and about 800 looms. Not only are all the factory buildings which go with a factory of this kind to be erected, but the company will build in connection with it about 200 cottages. It is the estimate of the company that \$800,000 will be expended in the erection of the new mill. In addition to this very extensive additions to the productive capacity of the West Point Manufacturing company and the Riverdale cotton mills are being made, and the capacity of the Lanett Bleachery and Dye works is being further increased. This means the consumption of over 40,000 bales of cotton annually. The present output of the Bleachery and Dye works is 1,000,000 yards of cloth monthly.

At Gurley, in Madison county, the business men are interested in the brightening prospects for the building of the Gurley and Paint Rock Valley railroad, originally projected several years ago from Gurley to Winchester, Tenn. The original plans for the road fell through, though a great deal of money was invested in them and several miles of the route were graded. The plans, however, have never been entirely abandoned, and Maj. E. C. Gordon, a well known promoter who is backed by plenty of capital, has revised the plans with the expectation of carrying them through. The directors of the railroad held a meeting Monday. The proposed line runs through a rich section of the country, and it is believed the railroad would be a paying investment.

The Jenifer furnace at Jenifer is arranging to go in blast, material for such being placed on the grounds.

Interest continues to be very intense in the proposed railroad from the Coosa coal field to Anniston, as on this the ability of the now idle furnaces of Anniston to get fuel at a price at which they can make iron in competition with other furnaces depends.

Judicious advertising pays.

EX-CONFEDERATE CHAPLAINS

Are Urged to Meet With the Association in Charleston.

At Richmond, Va., Dr. J. William Jones, chairman of the Ex-Confederate chaplain's organization, has issued the following letter addressed to Ex-Confederate chaplains and chaplains of Confederate camps:

"Richmond, Va., April 8.—Dear Brethren: The Chaplains' association, organized at the reunion in Atlanta last year, proposes to have several meetings during the approaching re-union in Charleston.

"All old Confederate chaplains and all chaplains of Confederate camps are urged to meet with us and ministers of the gospel generally (especially those who were Confederate soldiers) are cordially invited to join us.

"Those who can attend are asked to send their names at once to the Secretary of the association, Rev. Dr. T. P. Cleveland, Hopeville, Ga., and if you cannot come send us at least your name and command and word of greeting. Those who expect to attend the re-union should write at once to Mrs. Lee C. Harby, 68 Rutledge avenue, Charleston, S. C., who is chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary committee, and will secure quarters for you.

"We urge brethren to join in this re-union that we may revive hallowed memories of the past and take counsel together as to how we may best promote the spiritual welfare of our dear old comrades, who are now so rapidly stepping out of ranks and crossing the river.

"In behalf of the committee."

"J. Wm. Jones,
"Chairman."

PURSUED BY THE EMPRESS.

A Chinese Reformer in Terror of His Life and Fearful of Assassination.

A special from Victoria says Kang Yu Wie, the Chinese reformer, has been deposed, and is pursued by the Empress Dowager. He arrived here on the steamer from Yokohama on his way to London, where he hopes to find refuge.

When the Empress Dowager deposed him a price was put on his head, and he fled to the British ship Ballarat.

Although pursued by Chinese boats he reached Hong Kong, whence he fled in terror to Tokio.

He is still in terror of his life and fearful of assassination at the hands of his countrymen here.

JERSEY JUSTICE.

New Jersey Justices May Take a Man's Liberty Away.

In future any man who is imprisoned in New Jersey for debt may remain in jail for life, unless some special law is passed by congress to release him.

Judge Blair, of the Hudson county court of sessions, has so ruled in a decision rendered in the case of Joseph Schnitzer, a furniture dealer of Jersey City, who sought to take advantage of the insolvent debtor act of New Jersey.

Judge Blair says that the United States bankruptcy act supercedes the New Jersey insolvency act and that forfeited bonds entail imprisonment.

Monument to the Confederate Dead.

Georgia will unveil a monument to her Confederate dead May 4th. Elaborate exercises will take place upon the occasion of the dedication. J. C. C. Black will be orator of the day. Many notable men will be present. A magnificent shaft 83 feet high will be erected as a tribute to Georgia soldiers. The following inscription will be placed on the monument:

"To the lasting memory of all her sons who fought on this field—those who fought and lived, and those who fought and died, those who gave much, and those who gave all—Georgia erects this monument."

Turks Commit Atrocities.

Advices received from Sana, the capital of Yemen, Arabia, say that fighting between Turks and revolting Zaidites continues and that the former are committing such atrocities that the inhabitants have sworn to fight to the last man.

Missouri Editor Killed.

Frank Griffin, editor of the Marysville, Mo. Daily Review, was shot and killed by C. C. Jesse. The trouble was over some reference made to Jesse in Griffin's paper. Griffin was one of the best known characters in northern Missouri.

Carlists Have a Banquet.

A dispatch received at Bayonne, France, from Madrid, says that a carlist banquet, at which 200 persons were present, was held in the open air there Saturday evening. A number of violent speeches were made and a telegram of congratulations, signed by all the participants, was sent to Don Carlos.

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COLUMBIANA, APRIL 13, 1899.

MASS MEETING To Oppose the Holding of a Constitutional Convention.

There was a call made by the Populist Executive Committee for a mass meeting to be held in Columbia, April 15, 1899, to nominate a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention who is opposed to the convention.

Also, to select delegates to the State convention of the People's Party, which has been called to meet in Birmingham on May 3rd.

Everybody is invited to participate, regardless of party, provided he is opposed to the constitutional convention.

M. S. WILSON, Chairman.

What the Act of 1868 Forbids.

The Columbian Advocate, a Populist paper, quotes the law under which Alabama was readmitted to the Union. The section in question reads as follows:

"That each of the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida shall be entitled to the same representation in Congress as a State of the Union when the Legislature of such State shall have duly ratified the amendment to the constitution of the United States proposed by the Thirty-ninth Congress and known as article 14, upon the following fundamental conditions: That the constitutions of neither of said States shall ever be amended or changed so as to deprive any citizen or class of citizens of the United States of the right to vote in said State, who are entitled to vote by the constitution thereof herein recognized, except as a punishment of such crimes as are now felonies at common law, whereof they shall have been duly convicted under laws equally applicable to all the inhabitants of said State."

The Advocate assumes that the people of Alabama propose to violate the pledge of 1868, when as a matter of fact they have no such intention. The trouble with all the opponents of constitutional revision is that they know too much, or rather, they assume too much. They accuse the Democrats of the State of intentions that have never been "thunk" at all. They draw upon too vivid imaginations. They see things that are invisible to the quiet citizens of the State. The best citizens do not propose to wrong any man.

The Birmingham Age-Herald has either made a palpable mistake or a deliberate misstatement; and as that journal generally deals fairly with those who disagree with it on questions involving the public welfare, we are inclined to believe that the former is the case. Here is what we said:

We do not believe that the people of our State desire to violate the pledge given in '68.

We have every confidence in the people—"the best citizens" being included as a matter of course—but we do not admit that the Democratic machine is the people, and we have very grave doubts about the Age-Herald being the Democratic party.

According to the "fundamental conditions" in the above-quoted section of law, the right to vote can not be denied to any citizen of the United States who is entitled to do so under the provisions of our present constitution. We are glad that this is so; for it insures to every man his rights.

Poor illiterates are not a rule nominated for office; neither are they intrusted with the management of elections; it requires education and wealth or its equivalent to enable a man to attain a position where "the usual methods" can be successfully and advantageously employed. If unscrupulous rascals are intrusted with the important duty of conducting elections, there will be fraudulent practices and dishonest returns—no matter how well educated the voters may be, or how much property they may possess. Without disfranchising a single poor man, we will have honest elections when they are sincerely desired by the men who are loudest in clamoring for a constitutional revision—and not a day sooner.

What the Democratic machine politicians have in the name of morality undertaken to accomplish by means of a constitutional convention is unnecessary, unjust, unlawful; therefore we are opposed to it, and would urge the people—including "the best citizens" and "the quiet citizens"—to join with us in working for the defeat of the iniquitous measure which the well dressed demagogues will try to foist upon us at the July election. An injustice to the humblest one of our citizens ought to be the concern of us all.

The Democratic machine is for the constitutional convention.

Party Issue Idea Opposed.

Notwithstanding the State convention which met in this city on March 20th sought to make the calling of the constitutional convention a Democratic party issue, it is apparent that the Democrats throughout the State do not accept it as such. An organized effort is being made to bring the various members of the party into line, but difficulty is being experienced in lining them up. In the primaries to elect delegates to the State convention of the Democratic party an exceedingly small majority of the voters of the party participated. The delegates came here without any instructions from the people, or without it having been contemplated that a convention would consider the proposition of making the calling of the convention a party issue. After a hard fight, a platform was adopted by the State convention, however, declaring in favor of the holding of a constitutional convention by a majority of ten in a convention of 504. Good-will and satisfaction over the convention's actions exists throughout the State, and it is questionable whether a majority of the voters of the party will consider themselves bound by the convention's platform. There are many who have favored the holding of the constitutional convention who have been influenced against the convention by the action of the State convention. They regard the question as one of State policy and think that the voters of all parties should be allowed to make their individual judgment at the polls in dealing with the matter.

The above, which is culled from a Montgomery "special" to the Atlanta Constitution, only emphasizes the fact that the Democratic party is by no means a unit on the question of holding a constitutional convention; and this is not to be wondered at when we take into consideration the disgraceful proceedings which characterized their party convention, and the fact that when their primaries were held the rank and file of the party had no conception that the question was other than one of State policy, and the idea of making it a party issue had not even been mentioned. Mill truly says:

"The tyranny of the majority is now generally included among the evils against which society requires to be on its guard."

In another column will be found a circular letter from Gov. Johnston to the Democratic members of the Legislature asking their opinion as to the advisability of calling an extra session of the Legislature to repeal the act authorizing a vote on the calling of a constitutional convention. We think Gov. Johnston is on the right track; the calling of the convention should not be made a party issue. A new constitution should be made for all the people of the State.

It is doubtful whether Governor Johnston will support the call for a constitutional convention. Under existing circumstances, we think the part of wisdom dictates to every conservative man that he should oppose the call. It has been made a party measure; and we are to understand that if a new constitution is framed it will be one to suit the Democratic machine—and such a constitution will not suit the honest voters of Alabama.

So important a matter as the construction of a new constitution ought not to be intrusted to a set of men whose public utterances, if they mean anything, convince us that they will endeavor to set at naught—in the spirit, if not in the letter—the United States law which expressly forbids the disfranchisement of any citizen of our State except as a punishment for crime.

If a new constitution is made, it should be the combined wisdom of all the parties in Alabama; and when the Democratic party arrogates to itself the right to make a new constitution for all the people of the State, the conservative elements of all parties should unite to defeat such action.

We invite attention to the call for a mass meeting of the People's Party. The call has been amended.

STATE CONVENTION Of the People's Party Called for May 3d, at Birmingham.

The State Committee of the People's Party met in Montgomery on Wednesday night, March 29th, and issued the following call:

"A State convention of the People's Party of Alabama is hereby called to meet at Birmingham on the 3d day of May, 1899, for the purpose of nominating candidates for delegates from the different Senatorial districts, and to take such other action as may be deemed best. Representation of the respective counties will be based on the vote for Hon. G. B. Deans for Governor, one delegate being allowed for each 200 votes so cast. Where not otherwise ordered, county conventions or mass meetings should be held by Saturday, April 23d.

By order of the State Executive Committee, G. B. CROWE.

There is some excuse for the babies to talk that way; they don't know any better.

Extra Session of Legislature.

Saturday last the following circular letter was addressed by Gov. Johnston to the Democratic members of the General Assembly:

DEAR SIR:—A number of Democrats have urged me to call a special session of the General Assembly for the sole purpose of considering whether the act authorizing a vote on the question of calling a constitutional convention should be repealed, and whether any amendments to the constitution should be submitted for ratification.

The argument used in this appeal to me is that there is serious division in our party on this question; that many loyal Democrats are opposed to a convention; that the Democrats in the Legislature and the late State convention were almost evenly divided; that many Democrats will not vote for the convention; that if it should fail it would seriously damage our party and tend to build up a formidable opposition.

It is also urged that since the declaration that the constitution framed must be submitted back for ratification, that a plain amendment framed by the General Assembly would accomplish the same result and avoid the cost of a convention.

I desire your opinion and advice. I desire to know whether you think it would be to the best interest of our party to assemble the General Assembly for the purpose stated, and I request you to give me your views fully as to what action, if any, should be taken by me and what action the General Assembly should or would take.

Yours truly,

JO. F. JOHNSTON, Governor.

A REVIEW.

From the Philadelphia American.

During the life of the Fifty-fifth Congress, McMillan, of Tennessee, and Sayers, of Texas, both retired to become governors of their respective States; and Dockery, of Missouri, ranking Democratic member of the appropriations committee of the House, retired with this Congress, not having stood for re-election. And in these three men the Democrats lose their chief financial experts. Also they lost another leader in General Wheeler, though there is some indication that the general will surrender his military commission and take his seat in the next Congress, to which he was duly elected. But the Democratic leaders of national repute have been reduced to just two: Bailey, of Texas, who, chosen leader of the Democratic party in the last Congress, led with much ill success, quite failed to command a united following, and declares he will not essay the task in the next Congress, and Richardson, of Tennessee. Yet it is not at all certain that the mantle of leadership will fall upon Mr. Richardson's shoulders. Mr. Bailey opposes; Congressman Bankhead, of Alabama, quite unknown to fame, is being groomed for the honor; and then the Tammany cohorts of Mr. Croker and the gold Democracy are to be reckoned with.

Again, some may think that we will not long have need for a force of 38,000 men in the Philippines; that very soon after our forces have been increased to such number and General Otis enabled to deal some crushing blows to the insurgents, a good part of such force can safely be brought home. Spain, it is argued, did not keep nearly so large a force in the Philippines; but Spain held but a very small part of those islands in effective subjection, and we propose to make our rule effective in all. And the Philippine Islands are of vast extent. Again, we may be over optimistic in harboring expectations of effectually crushing Aguinaldo and his army in a few short weeks and with a few well delivered decisive blows. Perhaps he will avoid such blows, refuse to accept a challenge to decisive battle, though at present it must be said that the Filipinos are sufficiently confident in themselves as not to be adverse to accepting or even inviting battle, for indeed they are besieging Manila and pressing our lines. Again, some even harbor the expectation that Aguinaldo will make a change of front, surrender—realizing his fight to be hopeless—and throw himself upon our mercy. But is he likely to do this when a sentiment prevails among our imperialists, and as given vent in the New York Herald, such as this: "When our troops get hold of Aguinaldo, they will do a little business with him in which his own head will play an important part." We should think he would resist to the death.

The youngest thing is the mother of her first baby.

SPECIAL SALE FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS!

Dry Goods.

500 pieces shirting percales, guaranteed fast colors and perfect goods—about 50 patterns to select from—per yd 3/4 cents.

50 pieces Scotch lawn, fast colors, per yd 3/4 cents.

400 pieces best quality standard prints, per yd 4 1/2 cents.

Best quality 4-4 percales, per yd 6 cents.

25 yds sea island for \$1.

25 yds cotton checks for \$1.

Wash Fabrics: A new shipment of Swiss lawns—stripes, plaids, and floral designs—valued at 15 cents, for this special sale 10 cents.

Nice line of light woolen goods.

100 pieces Indian linen lawn, very sheer quality, 15 cents; for this special sale 10 cents.

Lonsdale cambric, 1 yd wide, this special sale 10 cents.

Neckties.

If you want a nice tie, come to see us; you can find them at our store, any kind you want, at a low price.

Shirts.

Just received a new line, which go in this sale from 25 cents to \$2.50.

Clothing.

Very exceptional offer in clothing for this 30 day sale.

25 men's suits, different patterns, at \$3.50.

50 men's suits in black clay worsted, \$5.

24 men's suits, at \$2.50.

Boys' suits, from 3 to 10, at 50 cents.

One lot of men's coats, for spring and summer, from 40 cents to \$1.25.

Good work pants for 75 cents.

Good dress pants, from \$1.25 to \$4.

Boys' knee pants, 4 to 14, 15 cents.

Hats.

You will find at our establishment the best selected stock of hats in town, from 25 cents to \$3.

See some of our specials in men's and boys' for Easter.

Lot of men's and boys' straws, from 20 cents to \$1.50.

Millinery.

If you want a fine Easter hat, we have them from \$1.25 to \$6.

Little girls' hats from 25 cents to \$1.

Ladies' sailors from 25 cents to \$1.

Ladies' corsets for 25 cents; better quality for 40 cents.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

H. Fox spent Monday in Calera on business.

Onion sets just received at Johnston & Co.'s.

Sam Lefkowitz, of Bessemer, is in the city.

The best cream cheese at Johnston & Co.'s.

S. Stein, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

R. Albright, of Lewis, was in town Monday.

D. C. Glenn, of Shelby, was in town Tuesday.

W. P. Lovett, of beat 2, was in town last Friday.

J. W. Hester transacted business in Calera Tuesday.

John E. Morris, of Saginaw, was in the city Tuesday.

H. H. Stoudemire, of beat 9, was in the city Saturday.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Colic, Nausea and Toothache in five minutes. Sour Stomach and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

J. G. Harris, of Montevallo, was in the town Saturday.

W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in the city last Saturday.

Dr. B. H. Smothers, of Weldon, was in the city Saturday.

Charlie Killough, of Talladega, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. I. W. Bailey, of Calera, visited at the Central last week.

Capt. J. L. Walthall, of Harpersville, was in the city Monday.

I. W. Bailey, of Calera, spent a few hours in the city Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Dykes visited relatives at Wilsonville this week.

Max Lefkowitz made a business trip to Birmingham last Friday.

Planters HUBIAN TEA cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Mrs. J. H. Lovejoy, of Gadsden, is the guest of Mrs. S. N. Burns.

S. D. Logan, Esq., of Centreville, was in the city last Friday.

Try Johnston & Co.'s Pearl meal—it's white; it's good; it's cheap.

J. T. Porter, of Calera, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

C. J. Christian, of Shelby, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Circuit Court adjourned last Saturday, after being in session three weeks.

Johnston & Co. continue to improve on keeping something good to eat.

Miss Mollie Houser left Saturday for Aldrich to visit relatives and friends.

Phillip Erick spent a few hours in Calera Sunday evening with friends.

Jas. Samuels, of Childersburg, visited friends here Sunday and Monday.

Frank Robertson spent several days this week on Yellow Leaf with relatives.

Jim Veet went down to Montevallo last Saturday to play a match game of ball.

Rev. S. N. Burns and J. R. White left for Heflin Tuesday to attend the district conference of the M. E. Church.

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J. S. Leeper and Miss Pearl Norris, and W. A. Parker and Miss Nellie Parker spent Sunday with Miss Lillian Upshaw near Talladega Springs.

Wales Wallace, who has been with us for some time, returned home Tuesday, very much to the regret of some of our young ladies.

Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic is the most wonderful healing compound offered to the public. For abrasion of the skin, laceration of the flesh, burns by flame or steam, hot metal, rope burns, or sunburn, ringworm, "poison-oak," etc., it is pre-eminently superior to anything. One fair trial will convince the most skeptical. Sold by all wide-awake druggists.

Have you seen them? If not, you've a pleasure to come. At present the best sight in town is our handsome stock of new goods, which includes the pick of the market, in bright, fresh, new styles and novelties for the coming season. Our buying has been done with a view to offering you the best styles, the best qualities, and the best price concessions.

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE CO.

Alleged Child Murder.

Sheriff Vest went to Centerville Monday, and returned Tuesday with Lizzie LaGrone alias LeGrand, charged with the murder of her child. She is now lodged in the county jail.

Barber Shop Changes Hands.

George Mason has purchased the barber shop of E. W. Chapman, and has placed Emmett McClanahan, an excellent barber, in charge. Mr. Chapman will go to Montevallo to open a shop. He has been located here about four years, and we regret very much that he has decided to leave our town. We wish the new management much success.

Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Railway will make a very low rate to Charleston, S. C., and return for the occasion of the Confederate Veteran Re-union there May 10th-13th. Tickets will be sold May 8th, 9th, and 10th inclusive, with final limit May 21st. For further information, call on any agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

Public School Closed.

For want of sufficient revenue, the public school was closed Friday afternoon. This leaves several teachers out of positions. We hope our people will wake up to the importance of keeping a good school in our town.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

WHEREAS, By reason of an unusual number of insolvencies among the taxpayers of the city of Columbiana, and also by reason of old claims against the city which the present Council were called on to pay, the Mayor and Council of the city of Columbiana have been forced to close the city schools before the usual time for closing; and

WHEREAS, The principal and assistant teachers of the schools have in a very unselfish manner consented and suggested that the schools be closed, and have made no claim or demand for the salary which would be due them for the remainder of the session; be it

RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the city of Columbiana, That the thanks of the Mayor and Council be hereby extended to the teachers for their action, and also for the very efficient manner in which they have conducted the schools during the past year. Be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be given each of the teachers, and that the local newspapers be requested to publish the same. Approved this April 8, 1899.

W. F. TREFORD, Mayor.
C. W. OHARA, Clerk.

Wanted—Everybody and his wife to go to the Hall Drug Company and get a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, the most wonderful healing compound of the nineteenth century. It preserves the flesh, prevents inflammation or suppuration, and heals like magic. Pleasant as perfume and stainless as rose water.

E. B. Nelson transacted business at Ashby this week.

J. R. Beavers, Esq., spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Arthur Armstrong is visiting relatives in Childersburg.

W. W. Walls spent Monday in the city with his family.

Mrs. Dr. W. S. DuBose is visiting relatives at Benton, Ala.

J. H. Hammond spent several days in Birmingham this week.

John M. Fancher, of Montevallo, was in town several days last week on business.

Mrs. R. A. Lawler and children, of Chapel, visited friends in the city Tuesday.

Rev. S. N. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday.

E. D. Hall has a new baby at his house—a fine boy. Mother and child are doing well.

Sam Wallace, of Harpersville, spent Monday and Tuesday with relatives in the city.

Miss Lillian Upshaw, of Coosa county, visited friends in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Ben Myer and Herman Saks, of Birmingham, were here the first of this week on business.

Misses Wallace and Worsham returned to their home, near Harpersville, last Saturday.

E. L. Spencer, of Birmingham, spent several days in the city last week with relatives and friends.

Lee Rice was acquitted of murder last Saturday in Circuit Court. He was given one day in the county jail for contempt of court.

"What's the matter" with giving your horse or mule a dose of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic when he has colic? It will cure him; and that's what you want. For sale by druggists and country merchants.

Hazlehurst, Mrs., March 9, '92.

Having tried Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, I can say it is a good remedy for cuts, bruises, etc.

B. D. GRAY,
Pastor Baptist Church.

Only 50 cts. a bottle by Hall Drug Co.

We can recommend "Our Own Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla" as a blood medicine, because we know what it is. Columbiana Drug Co.

PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL

To be Given by Society of Christian Endeavor.

Quartette: "Moonlight on the Lake," C. A. White—Misses Huyett and Swain, Messrs. DuBose and Thetford.

Recitation: "The Two Glasses"—Mildred White.

Piano solo: Arrangement of Matthew Flowce—Miss Swain.

Reading: "The Curtain," Hunter—Miss McGehee.

Vocal duet: "Moonlit Stream," Adam Giebel—Misses Huyett and Swain.

Recitation: "How He Won His Bride"—Miss Ruby Looney.

Quartette: "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," W. L. Thompson—Misses Huyett and Swain, Messrs. DuBose and Thetford.

Debate: "Resolved, That a woman always has the right to change her mind"—Affirmative, Miss Looney and Mr. Leeper; negative, Miss McGehee and Mr. Thetford.

Baritone solo: "The Day That's Gone Can Never Come Again," Safford Waters—Mr. F. W. Gist.

The social committee of the Columbiana Society of Christian Endeavor has arranged the above program, to be rendered at the White House, Friday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Miss KATE HUYETT, Chairman.
Miss RUBY LOONEY, Secretary.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

To be Held at Wilsonville, Ala., April 21 and 22, 1899.

The following program has been prepared for the above occasion:

Institute opening at 10 a. m., Friday, April 21st.

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. R. Burns.

Address of welcome, by Prof. J. R. Edmonds.

Response, by Prof. A. G. Spinks.

Enrollment of teachers.

1:30 P. M.

Teaching common fractions—J. H. Mooney, W. H. Byrd.

Teaching English grammar—Misses Ida O'Hara and Eva Fary.

Teaching percentage—Prof. F. Myrnat.

Denominate numbers—Rev. S. S. Crumpton.

Paper: The teacher as a student—Misses Louella Lyon and M. E. Pelham.

7:30 P. M.

Papers on "School-building, or how to build up a school"—Misses Ophelia Galloway and Irene Kennedy.

Should the State educate the children?—Prof. W. B. Greek and J. B. Kilpatrick.

Discussion of our new school laws by teachers of the institute.

Patriotism in the school—Prof. C. H. Florey.

Errors of our school system—Prof. H. C. Cain and Miss Annie Clisby.

9 A. M. SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises.

Paper: Neatness and politeness among the pupils—Miss Minnie Kidd.

Discipline in school-room, by the institute.

Teaching orthography—Prof. H. A. Stovall and G. B. Wheeler.

Paper: Literature in school—Mrs. W. W. Wallace.

Penmanship—J. B. Farrell.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Notes—Every teacher expecting to continue in the work should attend this institute and hear the new school laws fully discussed.

Patrons, trustees, and friends of education are cordially invited to meet with us.

B. EUGENE WILLIAMS,
County Supt. Education.

Attention! Fellow-Veterans!

In the year 1897 we had a grand rally of the old boys of this county, and the writer would like to have an expression from the old Confederate soldiers of the county in regard to one more re-union some time this summer. This is a move without politics, partyism, or anything else save the kind feeling we have or should have one for another, as brothers. We have been wonderfully blessed! Should we not reassemble ourselves together—what few of us have been left—and rejoice and give thanks to Almighty God for his goodness and for the preservation of our lives? Think of it, brothers!

Now, I would suggest that a representative from each beat meet at some point in the county and select a place for the grand rally.

Have you any interest in this move? If so, let me hear from you.

J. W. JOHNSTON,
Co. C, 31st Alabama.

Southern Baptist Convention.

On account of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Louisville, Ky., May 12, 1899, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and connecting lines have arranged for a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold from all points in the South on May 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, and limited to 15 days for the return trip. An extension of this return limit, however, may be secured, to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, by depositing ticket with the joint agent in Louisville on or before May 18th, and payment of a fee of 50 cents.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad furnishes a direct line from the South and Southeast to Louisville, with double daily service of sleeping cars and luxurious day coaches through without change.

I will be pleased to wait on you, either in person or by letter, giving you full information as to schedules, rates from your city, etc. Address me as below.

R. F. BEASLEY, Russ, Agent,
Morris Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Vincent.

Misses Mattie Kidd and Beada Simmons, of Harpersville, were in town Monday.

Miss Floy Montgomery, of Jacksonville, Ala., is visiting friends in our city.

Miss Daisy Phillips, Mrs. Edwards and brother, of Sylacauga, came over Saturday and attended the concert.

R. A. and Edgar P. Kidd "have it in" for C. C. Pitts; he has been trespassing.

W. J. Florey has a girl in Vincent that he seems very fond of, judging from the smile he carries. He says she weighs 8 pounds.

Our town is still booming. The new residences add considerably to its looks.

The Amateurs gave us one of their concerts Saturday evening, and had a nice crowd that enjoyed the performance: like Oliver Twist, they called for more.

The last appearance of "The Box of Monkeys" will be at Harpers Saturday evening.

The people of Vincent will ever have a tender spot in their hearts for the Columbiana people for so hospitably entertaining "our club." They request me to tender their sincere thanks to the editors for booming the play and for other kindnesses.

Gentle spring is approaching, and we are already reminded that—

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love.

And sometimes, in order to stay near the object of his affection, he will exchange a mule for a bicycle—and then "pa" cannot complain at the hour of his home-coming.

QUID NUNC.

Mt. Tabor.

Health good at present.

Rain in abundance, and the farmers are getting badly behind with their work.

M. F. Riggins went to Columbiana Saturday on business.

J. M. Spearman paid a flying visit to Birmingham one day last week.

Misses Ada Sewell and Rilla Dickerson, two of Log Hill's fairest belles, attended preaching at Mt. Tabor Sunday and heard a very interesting sermon.

I wonder if that boy ever found his steers? I don't believe he did.

Lew Sewell was the guest of Miss Lottie Nelson Sunday evening.

The singing at Mr. Nelson's last Saturday night was a grand success, and was enjoyed by all who attended.

I think, from the way one of our boys goes to the Red Land so often, we will see them join hands yet.

Yeardly Moore was the guest of Miss Fronie Gardner Sunday evening. Come again, Yeardly! I think they enjoy your company.

Bill Spearman, of Weldon, was the guest of Miss Ada Sewell Sunday.

Oh, law! What about that lone old bachelor? Does anyone know?

Walter Chesser and Henry Weldon, of Liberty, two promising young men, attended divine worship at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

MOONSHINER.

Spring Junction.

Health of community very good; the weather is quite unfavorable for farmers.

The singing at Hopewell, Easter, was quite a success.

Mr. Kennedy was the guest of Miss Birdie Mitchell, Sunday.

Miss Georgie Winslett has returned from a visit to Kingdom.

Mr. H. has his head hung down. What about it, Miss G.?

I think we will have some pumpkin bread, from the way the fisher goes down the road.

Miss E. was very much disappointed Sunday: he did not get the buggy!

A few of our boys and girls spent Easter in Birmingham.

Thos. Parker is wearing a smile: it is a boy.

Mrs. Seales returned Sunday from a visit to her niece in Talladega.

You may think I am April-fooling you, but I think I will get some cake soon, from the way the mule goes down the road Sunday mornings.

LITTLE L. C.

Southern Baptist Convention.

For this convention, which will be held at Louisville, Ky., May 11-16, 1899, the Southern Railway will sell tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 8th to 12th inclusive, with final limit 15 days. Tickets may be extended to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, provided they are deposited with the agent at Louisville prior to May 18th and payment of 50 cents.

For further information, call on any ticket agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

Free Vegetable Seeds.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich has a quantity of vegetable seeds for free distribution in 4th Congressional District. Anyone not having received a package can get one by addressing

A. F. HUTCHINGS,
Aldrich, Ala.

Sterrett.

Health of community not good. J. L. Faulkner who has been sick for some time, we learn, is some better.

George Hollie who has been having chills for some time, is up again.

Miss Luda Payton visited relatives at Leeds last week, and returned home Sunday afternoon and reported a lovely time.

T. B. Faulkner attended court last week.

Messrs. Belar and Warner Phillips, of Vincent, came up on 10 o'clock train Sunday morning and returned on 11 o'clock train, much was the regret to some of our Sterrett girls. Come again boys, but stay a little longer next time.

Jim Byers, of Leeds, spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Dovie Bibby, we learn, is very sick at this writing.

We are glad to say Sterrett Lumber Co. is on a boom. Orders coming in every day and are behind with the orders.

Joel Faulkner who has been at Oxnmoor for some time, returned home Friday.

J. L. Jarrett is visiting home folks this week.

Buster Lawley and wife, of Vandiver, are visiting his father, Dr. Lawley, of this place.

The singing at Miss Valsie Faulkner's Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all, and we kindly thank Misses Valsie and Belle for their nice music.

QUAKER.

Dogwood.

Rev. J. D. Martin delivered quite an able sermon at the Baptist Church Sunday.

R. T. Newton and family, of Montevallo, visited relatives and friends at this place Sunday.

Mrs. F. M. Woods, of Clanton, is visiting relatives and friends at this place.

Dr. H. W. Harrison is handling nothing but thoroughbred stock at present.

W. L. Clark, of Blocton, a member of the Montevallo Red Ash Coal Company at this place, is preparing to build a large store in town; he will also build a residence and move his family to this place.

John Strickland and John Harper, of Elliottsville, spent Sunday in town with friends.

Henry Davidson and wife visited relatives and friends at Saginaw Sunday.

Wm. P. Ryan is erecting a very nice wave-wire fence around his residence, one mile above town.

Work on the new railroad from this place out to the Montevallo Coal and Railway Company's mine is progressing very nicely.

Mrs. Shelby Allen and family, of Birmingham, have moved to this place. We are always glad to welcome such good citizens in our community.

C. D. & F.

Waxahatchie.

THE PEOPLES ADVOCATE.

"THE LOVE OF COUNTRY GUIDES."

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Cahaba River Wreck Suit.

At Birmingham the case of Wiley G. Lansford vs. the Louisville & Nashville railroad reached an end Friday night when the jury returned at 11 o'clock a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$7,662.50 damages. The suit was for \$40,000 damages and grew out of the Cahaba river bridge disaster. The trial lasted eleven days and was hotly contested to the finish.

Recruiting Office at Anniston Closed.

The army recruiting office which has been conducted in Anniston for the past six weeks by Lieutenant John H. Parker was closed Saturday. Lieutenant Parker and his clerks, Messrs. Luckie and Murray, have gone to Savannah, where Lieutenant Parker will assist in mustering out a number of volunteer regiments and establish another recruiting station.

About 125 recruits were secured in Anniston, which is considered good work in view of the fact that the recruiting office was not established until just before the last regiment stationed there was mustered out.

State Pharmaceutical Association.

The Alabama State Pharmaceutical association will meet in Birmingham on May 9 and 10. A meeting was held by the local association in the rooms of the Commercial club Friday afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the reception and care of the delegates to the state convention. The meeting was presided over by President H. H. Sinnige. The meeting resulted in the details being referred to an executive committee composed of the president and George Baines, J. L. Parker, G. B. Forbes, G. B. McVay and Arlie Barber. A large attendance is expected at the state convention.

Short in His Accounts.

State Examiner Purifoy has reported to the governor the result of his investigation of the office affairs of former sheriff H. Ben Ferrell, of Russell county. The report charges a delinquency of more than \$8,000, the amount having accrued mostly from various errors in feed bills and in charges for removal of prisoners. This being the most considerable shortage that has been developed by the examiners since the E. B. Lott investigation, considerable interest attaches to its outcome. Mr. Ferrell is an exceedingly popular man in his county and is highly regarded there. His defense will be awaited with interest all over the state.

A Wonderful Invention.

Reese Hutchison, a young electrician, graduate of Auburn college, Alabama, exhibited in Mobile one day last week his apparatus for making the deaf hear. He augments vibration and enables deaf mutes to hear words spoken in ordinary tone, and also to hear piano, guitar, the phonograph and enjoy the music. The apparatus for use of the deaf is the size of a pocketbook and is connected by wires with audiphone to be held at the ear. Two totally deaf men were experimented with. They stood fifty feet from the piano and marked time of the music, laughing with delight over the novel experience.

Good Resolutions.

The sixth annual industrial congress of negroes was held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes at Normal last Saturday. The attendance covered a larger territory than on any former occasion. Prof. W. H. Council is president. After much discussion the congress resolved that there is still a need of a thorough literary, moral and industrial education of the negro; that the negro should buy homes and small farms, keep out of debt, pay taxes promptly and obey the law and cultivate friendly relations with all men. A feature of the congress was an industrial exhibit by the college. The next congress will be held in October and will be a representative body rather than a mass meeting.

Big Deal in Lands.

The Richmond Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which is supposed to represent John Shelton Williams, of Richmond, was recently conveyed a

Texas Is Opposed to Trusts.

The anti-trust or corporation trust bill has been introduced in the Texas senate by senator Davidson.

The bill follows the Arkansas anti-trust law closely and will undoubtedly be passed by the present legislature. The bill is considered the most drastic ever introduced into a Texas legislature, but coming at the time it does it will receive the very heartiest support.

large tract of mineral property about Gato City, and the amount paid was \$120,000. The deed by which the property of the Mary Pratt furnace was transferred was also filed for record, the consideration being \$50,000. A quit-claim deed to certain property in Gato City was also filed, the consideration being \$9,024. The John Skelton Williams syndicate is supposed to be the purchasers of all this property, and the entrance of the Seaboard Air-Line into Birmingham, besides the building of the blast furnaces and a steel mill, are the stated outcome.

Don't Like the Revenue Law.

Merchants, saloonkeepers and business men generally of Huntsville have raised a strong protest against the new state revenue law passed by the last legislature, requiring an additional license for nearly every line of business.

Wholesale liquor dealers were required to pay an additional tax of \$225 and retail dealers had to come up with \$35.50 additional. Every line of business requires an additional license, this after the annual license had been secured. Huntsville lawyers believe the revenue law is unconstitutional and it is likely that a test case will go up from this city. A majority of the business men pay the license under protest and Probate Judge Stewart has refused to be a party to the law and does not collect the fees allowed him.

Mine Inspector's Report.

Chief Mine Inspector Hooper has filed the following report with the governor:

"During the month of March two men were killed in the mines in this state, James Osborn, colored laborer, killed at Mountain Top by falling rock. McClendon Hawkins, suffocated by powder smoke at Patton No. 2.

"This last case I had investigated by Assistants Culverhouse and Duncan, and I attach a copy of their report hereto. I am of the opinion that their explanation is the correct solution of this unfortunate accident.

"Mr. Culverhouse, assistant inspector, reports the convict mines in good condition, with the exception of some water caused by the heavy rains. So far during the present year no convict has been killed or seriously injured by falling rocks or coal, and I have every reason to believe this year will show the minimum of accidents of this class in the convict mines.

"J. deB. Hooper,

"Chief Mine Inspector."

Alabama Dentists.

The Alabama Dental association, which held its thirtieth annual convention in Anniston last week, adjourned to meet in Mobile on the first Tuesday in May.

Just prior to the adjournment the association elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President—Dr. P. R. Tunstall, of Mobile.

First Vice President—Dr. J. P. Corley, of Greensboro.

Second Vice President—Dr. W. E. Proctor, of Sheffield.

Secretary—Dr. W. J. Reynolds, of Selma.

Executive Committee—Drs. T. M. Allen, of Birmingham; R. C. Young, of Anniston; T. B. Whitby, of Selma. Press Editor—Dr. R. C. Young, of Anniston.

Dr. R. B. Chapman, of Troy, was re-elected as a member of the board of examiners.

During the sessions of the convention the board of examiners examined and admitted to practice about fifteen young dentists.

The visitors were entertained at various musicales and receptions during their stay in Anniston.

Christian Endeavor Meeting.

The convention of the Christian Endeavor society of Alabama at Birmingham last week was attended by a large number from all over the state. The session lasted until Sunday night. The officers of the society are, in position, S. J. Cassells, of Montgomery, president; Miss Naldo Allen, of Birmingham, secretary, and T. S. McAloney, of Talladega, treasurer.

Thirty-six Persons Drowned.

The Glenogle, which has arrived at Victoria, B. C., from the Orient, brings news of a collision between the steamers Hokushin Maru and Kitami Maru off Ofun Cape, in the province of Teshio Hokkaido, on the 30th ultimo. The Hokushin sank immediately, and on board, thirty-six persons, were drowned. The other vessel made for shore and succeeded in getting into the shallows, where she stranded.

President Cassels delivered his annual address, which was a very able document. John Willis Baer, of Boston, secretary of the Christian Endeavor society of the world, conducted a "practical parliament" and also delivered an address on "The Tenth Legion."

Friday night a prayer and praise service was conducted by E. A. Smith, president of the local union, and Mr. Baer spoke on "Christian Ideals." The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted as follows:

President—Rev. O. P. Speigle, Birmingham.

World's Vice-President—S. J. Cassels, of Montgomery.

Secretary—Miss Naldo Allen, Birmingham.

Vice-Presidents—Presbyterian, R. W. Cecil, Birmingham; Methodist-Protestant, Rev. C. P. McDonald, Montgomery; Cumberland Presbyterian, C. C. Russell, Selma; Congregationalist, A. T. Clark, Shelby; Christian, Rev. E. T. Spicer, Selma; Methodist-Episcopal, Fred S. Ball, Montgomery.

An Important Ruling.

Acting under the advice of the attorney-general of the state, the Alabama State Board of Examiners announces that a state certificate for a State Normal school, through the state superintendent's office, as authorized by the law governing, is valid under the "new law" and all Normal graduates are therefore exempt from the examinations. This means much to Normal graduates, whose state certificate, per the state superintendent of education, is thus made of the best authority and valuation.

The Troy, Ala., State Normal college issues under the above law state certificates for two, four and six years, and for life, as per course taken, and students and teachers are admitted on reliable testimonial as far along on the course as their attainments will warrant and afforded the best of facilities to compete for a state certificate, or diploma and degree, as may be warranted.

The summer term, beginning April 18 to 24, to last ten weeks, will have classes in all the branches of the state examinations, and on through the college curriculum besides. This affords a fine opportunity to prepare for a state certificate in a good school, which sends its teachers over a wide expanse of territory, on the call of school officers to President Eldridge for same.

CUBAN MUSTER ROLLS.

Forty-eight Thousand Names Shown on Face of the Lists.

The Cuban army muster rolls which were delivered the other day to Governor-General Brooke show on their face 48,000 names—6,000 commanding officers and 42,000 non-commissioned officers and privates.

At the meeting between General Brooke and General Gomez with the other ten Cuban generals pleasant things were said all around.

There seems to be no doubt that Major-General Lee will be appointed governor of the province of Pinar del Rio and of all Havana province outside the city of Havana combined in a single military department.

Arkansas Will Have a New Capitol.

A telegram from Little Rock, Ark., says: The bill introduced by Senator Kimball, of Hot Springs, providing for the erection of a new state capitol at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000, has passed the house, and now awaits the governor's signature.

The new capitol is to be erected on the site of the present penitentiary, and that institution is to be removed to a point outside the city limits. Enough granite has already been tendered the state for the erection of the capitol.

Sheridan Reaches Manila.

The United States transport Sheridan, formerly the Massachusetts, which sailed from New York February 19th, having on board the Twelfth and a battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, has arrived at Manila after a smooth passage.

One the night of April 11th Lieutenant Mayer disappeared from the ship. The weather was intensely hot and the lieutenant was sleeping on the deck. It is supposed that he fell overboard.

Three privates and six children of privates died from pneumonia.

Around the World in 33 Days.

The Russian Minister of Railroads, it is announced in a special dispatch from Saint Petersburg, says that when the Trans-Siberian Railroad is completed it will be possible to go around the world in thirty-three days.

Four persons were burned to death in a fire at the Northumberland county almshouse at Chatham, N. B., Saturday. The institution was destroyed, with a loss of \$10,000.

CAPITAL CITY HAPPENINGS.

Interesting Batch of News From the Nation's Seat of Government.

SAMOA QUESTION DISCUSSED BY CABINET.

Bids For Public Buildings Opened—War Department Explains the Law Relative to Payment of Extra Pay to Soldiers and Heirs.

The cabinet meeting last Friday, which lasted longer than usual, was devoted principally to the discussion of the Samoan situation and instructions to the American commissioners to the czar's disarmament conference at The Hague.

A complete written report concerning the preliminaries leading up to the hostilities which was made to the secretary of the navy by Admiral Kautz, was read to the cabinet by Secretary Long. It throws some additional light upon the complications prior to the Admiral's arrival, the most important fact brought out being that the three consuls—American, British and German—at the time of the Admiral's arrival at Apia, had recognized the revolutionists under Mataafa. The Mataafa uprising after Chief Justice Chamber's decision in favor of Malietoa Tanu, the Admiral indicates, was fomented largely by the German consul, who insisted upon recognizing Mataafa as king. Chaos was threatened and the American and British residents considered themselves in peril of their lives. A massacre was feared and under these circumstances the American and British consuls joined with the German in recognizing the provisional government under Mataafa. To Admiral Kautz, on his arrival, however, the British and American consuls explained that they had been forced to this action by the duress of the situation.

The Admiral, at the conference aboard the Philadelphia, having satisfied himself that Chief Justice Chamber's decision was in accordance with the Berlin treaty, informed the consuls that they had no power to violate its provisions and with the full acquiescence of the British and American consuls he issued his manifesto dissolving the provisional government and Malietoa was crowned king. The counter proclamation of the German consul and the shelling of the native villages as recounted in the press dispatches followed.

The instructions of this government to the commission to represent the United States at the czar's disarmament conference, which is to meet at The Hague during the latter part of May, has been prepared by Secretary Hay and were read at the meeting. Although the sympathy of the United States for the czar's proposal is well understood, the exact nature of the instructions to our commissioners is being carefully guarded. It would be manifestly improper to disclose our official position at the conference in advance.

Bids were opened at the office of the supervising architect of the treasury last week for the sale of eight sites for public buildings in different parts of the country.

For the Abilene Tex., sight there were nineteen bids; none for Beaumont, Tex., and three for Newport News, Va.

Mr. Taylor, the supervising architect of the treasury, or an agent of department, will visit these cities as soon as possible and make a report and recommendation in each case. Until these reports are received and considered no selections will be made.

The Kansas City dispatch to the effect that United States Commissioner Nakols has decided to surrender to the Mexican officers Santiago Morphy, charged with embezzling \$70,000 from the Mexican National bank, was received with much surprise here.

The responsible officials who deal with matters of extradition question the legality of this proceeding. It is said that the commissioner has no authority to surrender prisoners in the absence of an extradition treaty between the United States and Mexico.

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Will Represent Spain.

Special dispatches from Madrid say the Duke of Arcos, the late Spanish Minister to Mexico, and who married Miss Virginia Lowery, of Washington, has been designated as Spanish Ambassador at Washington.

The Wheeling at Manila.

Admiral Dewey has cabled that the Wheeling arrived at Manila at 6 o'clock Saturday from Aguan. Quiet and order prevail there, and they are most friendly to Americans.

The native government established by Tausig is working well. The native soldiers are a fine body of men.

The auditor of the war department is receiving a large number of inquiries in regard to extra pay due soldiers and their heirs for service in the Spanish war, under the acts of January 12, 1899, and March 2, 1899.

For the information of those directly interested, it should be stated that the special object of said laws was to give this extra pay in lieu of granting a furlough, which many of the soldiers had received. So that these volunteer soldiers who were on furlough awaiting muster out with their regiments, whether mustered out before or after January 12, 1899, would not come within the provision of said act granting extra pay. Nor would volunteer officers who served in the Spanish war and who were mustered out prior to January 12, 1899, be entitled to extra pay by the act of January 12, 1899.

The act of March 2, 1899, applies to the soldiers who served as enlisted men in the army during the Spanish war, and who were enrolled on or after April 25, 1898, and who have been discharged therefrom, and also to the heirs of the volunteer soldiers who were enrolled during the Spanish war and who died in the service.

Applications by soldiers and their heirs should be made to the auditor for the war department, and those by sailors for service in the navy during the Spanish war to the auditor for the navy.

Secretary Alger has put an effective quietus on the reports that he contemplated retirement from the cabinet by a positive and unequivocal statement that the reports were absolutely without foundation and that unless some unforeseen and unlooked for contingency arises he proposes to remain secretary of war throughout this administration.

Secretary Alger had his attention called to recent rumors that he would resign after the investigation into the conduct of the war and incident matters and his successor already had been determined upon. He said all statements of that character were false; that he has not entertained any such intention and that they were instigated with the evident purpose of attempting to force him to leave the cabinet. He said he proposed to pay no attention whatever to these attacks.

He authorized the Associated Press to make an absolute denial of the reports of his contemplated resignation and to announce once for all, in the strongest terms possible that he would remain in his present office throughout the regular term of office.

At the German and British embassies the Samoan commission is considered settled beyond further question and all attention is now being given to the department of the commissioners.

The German ambassador, Dr. Von hollenberg, called the other day on Secretary Hay and communicated an official dispatch from Berlin saying positively the commissioners should leave at the earliest possible moment. It is understood the German communication removes all question of doubt by reciting the text of the notes delivered on Wednesday last by the British ambassador at Berlin to Baron Von Buelow, the German minister of foreign affairs.

Baron Sternberg has received his instructions from Berlin.

It is expected that the foreign office will send supplementary instructions to San Francisco so as to reach him before he sails. Mr. Eliot, the British commissioner, has received preliminary instructions concerning matters of detail. The main instructions will come by cable if the commissioners are to leave at once, but by mail if sufficient time is allowed.

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THAT DOLLAR DINNER.

Five Thousand People Hear Bryan at the Banquet.

New York.—The dollar Jefferson dinner of the Chicago platform democrats at the Grand Central Palace Saturday night, in point of numbers was one of the biggest affairs ever held in this city. Nearly 3,000 men and women sat down at long tables in the various rooms of the big palace. The main hall presented a different aspect from that of the Metropolitan opera house at the \$10 dinner of the Democratic Club. There was no flower embellishment, but just great long avenues of tables covered with plain white plates.

The only ornamentations were bunches of celery and granite-ware coffee pots. At the back of the stage were two American flags draped, one bearing the portrait of Jefferson and the other that of Bryan. Small portraits of Bryan were interspersed between the flags on the balconies.

On the stage was an immense floral horseshoe of carnations, roses and heliotrope. It had, worked in flowers, the words, "Women's Bryan League." Below the red carnations, in white roses was the name "Bryan." Surrounding all were the numerals "16 to 1."

There was no concerted attempt to seat the 3,000 diners simultaneously. All were told to go in and sit down. About 7 o'clock nearly every seat of the men's tables was occupied, and the service began. Over 600 waiters started into the main hall with soup a few minutes before 7 o'clock. The menu included soup, fish, roast beef, turkey, ice cream, coffee and cigars.

Three thousand bottles of wine were served.

William Jennings Bryan did not arrive until shortly after 7 o'clock. Crowds on the outside signaled his appearance by tremendous cheering. He came in a cab, and was escorted through a tremendous crowd to the waiting room outside the main hall. Here he shook hands with the com mittees. Then he was escorted to the guests' table, a long table in front of the platform. Following came the speakers of the evening. The band played "Hail to the Chief" as Bryan was hurried down one of the main aisles. There was tremendous cheering and waving of napkins.

James R. Brown called the meeting to order, and introduced George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, who was given a fine reception. The crowd in the galleries meantime had increased, and there were at least 5,000 people in the hall. The mention of Henry George's name evoked an extraordinary demonstration.

O. H. P. Belmont was next introduced, and read from manuscript.

John S. Crosby spoke on "Civil Liberty."

In introducing Mr. Bryan, Chairman Brown said that Abraham Lincoln had come out of the west to save the nation, and another man had come from the west to save the nation.

A perfect storm of applause from the men and women broke out. The applause subsided, but started again. The band struck up, but could scarcely be heard as it played "The Stars and Stripes Forever." Hats were thrown up into the air; women waved their cloaks and handkerchiefs. There was a maelstrom of discord. Bryan raised his hand deprecatingly, but the more he did this the more the crowd cheered. It was a wild, frantic demonstration. It lasted for at least five minutes.

Mr. Bryan began in a calm, clear voice. He was frequently interrupted by applause. When he said there was harmony only between those who think and act alike there was great applause. His references to the Chicago platform and his declaration that his nomination had not come from bosse was received with tremendous cheers. He caused great enthusiasm when he declared that the Chicago platform was a menace to those who robbed others, and he created a furore when he stated that the platform was disliked by those who had their hands in the pockets of their neighbors.

Tumultuous applause greeted his reference to the drafting of the soldier and the unwillingness to tax the rich.

A tremendous amount of cheering and applause greeted Mr. Bryan throughout his speech.

The most gigantic liquor combination ever engineered—an amalgamation of whisky and distillery interests, with a united capital of \$200,000,000—was practically completed to all but the smallest details Monday in Chicago, when the men now controlling the Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse Company finished arrangement for the purchase and absorption of nearly every distillery of rye whisky in the United States.

JOKER'S BUDGET.

Jests and Yarns by Funny Men of the Press.

HER CROWN OF GLORY.
A maiden's crown of glory
Is her silken rippling hair;
We love it—aye, we'd kiss it—
On the bonny head so fair.

Yet should that lovely maiden,
In the making of a pie,
One silken strand bake in it,
We'd scorn and loath it. Why?

A MERE HINT.

Mr. Wellheeled—Just to sit and look at you is bliss.
Miss Simperling—Yes, and distance seems to lend enchantment to your view.

COULDN'T AFFORD BOTH.

"Sweedle, what sort of wheel are you going to ride this year?"
"I'm pushing a four-wheeled baby carriage this year, Throggins."

THE BOY WITH THE BOW.

"Jane is a close student of the Philippine war."
"What makes you think it?"
"She recently referred to Cupid as the mythological Ygorote."

THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE.

"You surely don't believe that the man really loves you?"
"I am sure he does."
"What makes you think so?"
"He said he'd die for me."
"That's what they all say, silly. Don't you believe him until he does it."

OFF-HAND JUDGMENT.

Spiffins—"That man yonder is a great musician."
Snaggs—"He must be an organist, then. He can't be a great pianist."

"Why?"
"His head is as bald as an egg."

THE CHEERFUL IDIOT.

"Why," asked the youthful boarder, "why do we cling to life?"
"Because we are stuck on it," said the Cheerful Idiot."

FOLLOWED THE DOCTOR'S ADVICE.

Justice—What have you to say in answer to the charge of stealing this man's plank walk?

The accused—I took it by advice of my physician, yer honor. He told me to take a long walk every day. This was the first long walk I saw to-day, and of course I took it.

SOCIETY DETAILS.

"Did you have a good time at Mrs. Newdash's reception, Eleanor?"
"Delightful! Mr. Newdash was there, and he told me just how much everything cost."

DISCONCERTING COMPLACENCY.

"I should like to know when you are going to pay that bill. I can't come here every day in the week."

"What day would suit you best?"
"Saturday."

"Very well, then, you can call every Saturday."

AN APPROPRIATE NAME.

"That's a nice horse you've got,"
"Yes, I think he's about right."
"What do you call him?"
"Nails."

"Queer name, to be sure. What do you call him that for?"
"Because my wife can't drive him."

COOLED HIS ARDOR.

"These interesting widows seem to be all the rage," sighed the young girl.

"True," he admitted.
"And when a girl sets out to be an interesting widow if the fates will permit there's such an element of chance about it," she said, and sighed again.

Which was why he decided to postpone his proposal.

TOO SLOW.

President of the company—"I guess you'd better discharge that boy."

Manager—"Why? He seems to be a nice, quiet kind of a boy, and I haven't noticed that he has neglected his work."

President—"That's all very true, but I don't think he has the making of a financial genius in him. He's been around here for more than three weeks now, and he hasn't given either you or me to understand that he knows more about the business than we do."

PROUD TO KNOW HIM.

"The other night," said the fat boarder, "I slept in a room with a generous gentleman. I snore horribly—in fact, I'm a snorer from way back. We retired. In the morning when we arose this gentleman handed me a liver half dollar."

"What's that for?" said I.
"Oh, take it," he replied. "You have

Let each party stand or fall on its own platform.

The Texas Legislature is after the trusts in much the same way that Arkansas adopted.

Fusion means confusion for the People's party. The Democrats know this; hence their solicitude.

Governor Johnston seems to have a head of his own; he is not blown about by every breeze that sweeps around the capitol.

It is a sad commentary on the honesty and fairness of the Democratic party when it seeks to make a State constitution for the Democrats alone.

When the Democratic party managers throughout the State become convinced that honest elections are more desirable than party successes at the polls, they will see that we have them.

Bryan is beyond question the leader of the Democratic party; he is bold and aggressive, and has no compromise to make with the enemies of the common masses of the common people.

Every delegate and alternate selected at the mass meeting here last Saturday to represent this county in the State convention, May 3d, should make his arrangements to be on hand and respond to his duty.

Read carefully the proceedings of the mass meeting which was held here last Saturday, and if your name appears either as delegate or alternate, don't fail to be at your post. The action of that State convention may speak loudly in shaping the destiny of the People's Party. Go!

Every Populist of Shelby County should pay heed to the call for a county convention, to be held at the Court House on the third Saturday in May. The convention will be an important one, and much depends upon its action. Every beat in the county should be well represented, and we hope to see a full turn out.

The Age Herald man has been so busily engaged in editing clippings from the Democratic "cuckoo" press with which to bolster up the position he has taken on the constitutional convention issue that he has had neither time nor space to reply to what we said last week under the caption, "What the Law of 1868 Forbids." Have we again "assumed too much?"

The United States Government is still giving the Filipinos lessons in Christianity with showers of bullets. This is a new way to teach people the blessings of our religion, but it is an effective way; those that are not converted can be killed as an object lesson to the stubborn Filipinos for not being sensible enough to enjoy being hewers of wood and drawers of water for America.

It is beginning to dawn upon the master-mind of the Age-Herald that it has simply thrown away all the fine logic it has employed in order to convince the Governor that he ought to be governed in all of his official acts by the advice so freely and disinterestedly tendered him by the Age-Herald. This is a very sad affair, indeed; and we may not inappropriately remind our Birmingham friend that prophets are not generally prized in their own country.

The legislation which resulted in giving the Democrats a monopoly of the delegates-at-large was evidently enacted with a view to make the calling of a constitutional convention a party issue; and this was emphasized by the action of the Democratic State convention; but we shall be very much mistaken if the poor voters of the State are caught with such chaff. It is just a trifle too much to expect men to add in their own political effacement merely because some of their party managers have declared the sacrifice to be necessary.

If the leading Democratic dailies will hit Governor Johnston a few more licks, he will become very popular with the people. The common masses of the common people don't want a constitutional convention.

The constitutional convention is having some stumbling blocks put in its way.

POPULIST MASS MEETING.

Delegates Appointed for State Convention—County Convention Called for May 20.

Pursuant to a call issued by the chairman of the executive committee, a mass meeting of the People's Party of Shelby County was held at the Court House in Columbia last Saturday, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention, and also for the purpose of selecting the legal number of delegates to represent this county in the State convention of the People's Party, to be held in Birmingham, Ala., May 3, 1899.

In the absence of M. S. Wilson, chairman, Hon. A. P. Longshore was elected chairman pro tem. The meeting was called to order, and the purpose and object of the same were briefly stated.

The selection of delegates to the State convention being first in order, it was moved and carried that the chairman appoint eight delegates to represent Shelby County in the State convention, and the chair proceeded to appoint such delegates as follows: J. T. Porter, R. F. Cox, J. P. Pearson, A. P. Longshore, Jasper Holcomb, G. B. Deans, W. E. Harrison, John S. Pitts, and Robert McKwen. Alternates: P. N. Gilbert, J. R. Dyke, R. F. Thomas, N. M. Davis, George Green, W. D. Lacey, J. M. Fancher, O. O. Bird.

A motion to go into the nomination of a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention was lost, and the matter was deferred until the county convention.

A motion was made that a county convention be called to meet at the Court House in Columbia on Saturday, the 20th day of May, 1899; and that the various beats of the county hold primaries on Saturday, the 13th day of May, to select one delegate for every twenty-five votes cast for Hon. G. B. Deans for Governor, or majority fraction thereof, to represent said beats in the county convention—which motion was carried, and it was so ordered.

The following table shows the number of delegates each beat is entitled to have in the county convention:

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3 ... 5 9 ... 9 15 ... 2
4 ... 8 10 ... 5 16 ... 3
5 ... 1 11 ... 2 17 ... 1
6 ... 2 12 ... 2 18 ... 2

Total number of delegates, 57.
It was moved and carried that the names of W. H. Boice and John Ricks, of beat 5, be added to the executive committee.

There being no other business before the body, the meeting adjourned.
A. P. LONGSHORE, Chairman pro tem.
O. O. BIRD, Secretary.

STATE CONVENTION

Of the People's Party Called for May 3d, at Birmingham.
The State Committee of the People's Party met in Montgomery on Wednesday night, March 29th, and issued the following call:
"A State convention of the People's Party of Alabama is hereby called to meet at Birmingham on the 3d day of May, 1899, for the purpose of nominating candidates for delegates from the different Senatorial districts, and to take such other action as may be deemed best. Representation of the respective counties will be based on the vote for Hon. G. B. Deans for Governor, one delegate being allowed for each 200 votes so cast. Where not otherwise ordered, county conventions or mass meetings should be held by Saturday, April 23d.
By order of the State Executive Committee, G. B. CROWE, Crosswell.

Will Anderson, of Childersburg, was over to see his sister Sunday.
Rev. John Butts preached a good sermon to a large crowd at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Judge, of Birmingham, is down to see her home folks.

The farmers are all planting cotton.

Charley Bates went to Vincent on business last Saturday.

Mr. Elliott, of Childersburg, was over one day last week.

From the way J. N. goes up the road, we are all expecting to get to eat some cake soon.

Albert Smith was the guest of Miss Shuttles, and Lee Warren was the guest of Miss Daisy Crawford, Sunday.

Saginaw.

Will Walker attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Birmingham Friday.

Rev. Harris filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

George Holcomb, of New Alabama and formerly of Calera, has joined the Sunday-school here.

Anderson Nabors, of Birmingham, visited his father's family Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Lofton, of Birmingham, visited the family of her father, J. H. Nabors, several days last week.

Amos Nelson and family, of Columbiana, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Wade Farr and Wesley Naish, of Mt. Era, were in town Saturday.

Alfred Rebeck, of Aldrich, is visiting friends and relatives here.

J. N. Brooker, Joe Esmond, and Joe and Tom Smithman attended services at Ebenezer Sunday.

Thos. McBride, operator at Siluria, attended service here Sunday night.

John E. Morris is happy at last; he killed a fine gobbler Monday morning.

I am afraid that when E. H. Wingate gets fat some of the girls will eat him; they almost try it now.

Brooker may ride his wheel all day, but he is never too tired to go flower hunting with the little dam-sels.

Bosh Kimble, of Dogwood, passed through town Sunday on his way to see home folks at Waxahatchie.

It looks bad to have a poor blind boy entertain a social gathering with music and his efforts not to be appreciated, though his performance was splendid. LEX.

Birthday Stones.

JANUARY.

By those who in this month are born No gem save Garnet should be worn; They will insure your constancy, True friendship and fidelity.

FEBRUARY.

The February born will find Sincerely and peace of mind— Freedom from passion and from care. If they the Amethyst will wear.

MARCH.

Who on this world of ours their eyes In March first open shall be wise; In days of peril firm and brave, And wear a Bloodstone to their grave.

APRIL.

Those who in April date their years, Diamonds shall wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow. This stone emblem of innocence is known.

MAY.

Who first beholds the light of day In Spring's sweet flowery month of May, And wears the Emerald all her life, Shall be a loved and happy wife.

JUNE.

Who comes with Summer to this earth And owes to June her day of birth, With ring of Agate on her hand, Can health, wealth, and peace command.

JULY.

The glowing Ruby should adorn Those who in warm July are born; Thus will they be exempt and free From love's doubts and anxiety.

AUGUST.

Wear a Sardonyx, for for thee No conjugal felicity. The August born without this stone 'Tis said must live unloved, alone.

SEPTEMBER.

A maiden born when Autumn's leaves Are rustling in September's breeze, A Sapphire on her brow should bind; 'Twill cure diseases of the mind.

OCTOBER.

October's child is born of woe, And life's vicissitudes must know; But lay an Opal on her breast, And hope will fill the foes to rest.

NOVEMBER.

Who first came to this world below With dull November's fog and snow, Should prize the Topaz amber hue, Emblem of friends and lovers true.

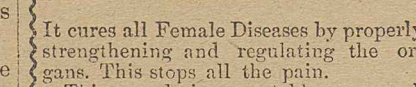
DECEMBER.

If cold December gave you birth, The month of snow and ice and mirth, Place on your hand a Turquoise blue; Success will bless you if you do.

—Exchange.

WOMAN'S TRIALS.

Many women suffer great pain at monthly periods and believe it natural. Let them realize the danger to their health and to secure treatment on account of humiliating local examinations. Nature intended the "monthly period" to be painless and regular. Unusual pain and sickness indicate serious derangements which should have prompt attention, or they rapidly grow worse. Local examinations are not necessary since the discovery of



PLANTER'S FEMALE REGULATOR

It cures all Female Diseases by properly strengthening and regulating the organs. This stops all the pain. This remedy is a vegetable compound, and is the result of years of experience. It is carefully prepared in our own laboratories by skilled chemists and is endorsed by leading physicians.

Sold by all druggists or sent post paid for \$1.00 in advance. Address: New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Free to any address. Book on the Home Treatment of Female Diseases. A sample box of "Monthly Regulating Pills" sent for 10 cents in stamps. Address: New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

SPECIAL SALE FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS!

Dry Goods.

500 pieces shirting percales, guaranteed fast colors and perfect goods—about 50 patterns to select from—per yd 34 cents.

50 pieces Scotch lawn, fast colors, per yd 34 cents.

400 pieces best quality standard prints, per yd 44 cents.

Best quality 4-4 percales, per yd 6 cents.

25 yds sea island for \$1.

25 yds cotton checks for \$1.

Wash Fabrics: A new shipment of Swiss lawns—stripes, plaids, and floral designs—valued at 15 cents, for this special sale 10 cents.

Nice line of light woolen goods.

100 pieces Indian linen lawn, very sheer quality, 15 cents; for this special sale 10 cents.

Lonsdale cambric, 1 yd wide, this special sale 10 cents.

Neckties.

If you want a nice tie, come to see us: you can find them at our store, any kind you want, at a low price.

Shirts.

Just received a new line, which go in this sale from 25 cents to \$2.50.

Clothing.

Very exceptional offer in clothing for this 30 day sale.

25 men's suits, different patterns, at \$3.50.

50 men's suits in black clay worsted, \$5.

24 men's suits, at \$2.50.

Boys' suits, from 3 to 10, at 50 cents.

One lot of men's coats, for spring and summer, from 40 cents to \$1.25.

Good work pants for 75 cents.

Good dress pants, from \$1.25 to \$4.

Boys' knee pants, 4 to 14, 15 cents.

Hats.

You will find at our establishment the best selected stock of hats in town, from 25 cents to \$3.

See some of our specials in men's and boys' for Easter.

Lot of men's and boys' straws, from 20 cents to \$1.50.

Millinery.

If you want a fine Easter hat, we have them from \$1.25 to \$6.

Little girls' hats from 25 cents to \$1.

Ladies' sailors from 25 cents to \$1.

Laces.

Special sale of new embroideries and laces, all styles and qualities, from 5 cents to 50 cents per yd.

Ladies' Vests.

Ladies' vests for this special sale, 10 cent goods for 5 cents; 20 cent for 10 cents; 30 cent for 15 cents.

Ladies' Hose.

Ladies' seamless hose, high spliced, double sole, guaranteed stainless, 15 cents per pair, or 2 pairs for 25 cents.

Ladies' prime Hermsdorf black cotton, absolutely fast and stainless, high spliced heel and double sole, 20 cents per pair.

Ladies' fast black for 5 cents; better quality for 10 cents.

Children's hose from 5 cents to 20 cents.

Notions.

1 box face powder, 5 cents.

1 paper good needles, 3 cents; or 2 for 5 cents.

1 paper good pins, 2 cents.

1 box writing paper and envelopes, 5 cents.

Special sale of fans, from 2 cents to \$1.25.

Ladies' corsets for 25 cents; better quality for 40 cents.

We also handle a Full Line of

Groceries, Hardware, Furniture, Saddles, Harness, Stoves, and Everything for use in the Home.

Our SPRING STOCK is too large to mention it all. Come and see it, and you will see that we do what we say.

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A queer way of attracting your attention, but we want it. We are kept busy making other people teeth, but will make yours also.

Have you teeth to fill?

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Stop taking medicine to cure this trouble until you have removed the cause. Have your teeth put in good condition and it will do you more good than all the medicine about which anything is known. Then your food will be assimilated, your blood made richer and purer, and you will feel like a new person.

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COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a mortgage made by Claude N. Pitts and Mary V. Pitts on the hereinafter described lands in Shelby County, Ala., which mortgage is payable to The American Mortgage Company of Scotland (Limited) of Edinburgh, Scotland, we will sell in front of Court House door of said County, at public outcry, for cash, during the legal hours of sale on Monday, the 17th day of April, 1899, the following described lands, conveyed by said mortgages, to-wit: The north 1/4 of northwest 1/4 and southwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4, section 10; and the northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4, section 9, township 20, range 2 east; bounded north by J. L. Walthall's lands, on the east by lands of T. J. Martin and W. W. Wallace, on the south by lands of W. W. Wallace, on the west by lands of J. W. Pitts and W. W. Wallace. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the debt, interest and expenses of sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

THE AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY OF SCOTLAND (LIMITED) OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, Mortgagee.

By W. R. NELSON & J. L. PETERS, Attorneys.

Notice of Application to Sell Real Estate.

State of Alabama, Shelby County.—

Probate Court, February 16, 1899.

Estate of W. A. Standifer and S. B. Z. Standifer, minors.

This day came M. A. F. Standifer, guardian of said estate of said minors, and filed her application in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein, and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of maintenance and education of said minors, to-wit: W. A. Standifer and S. B. Z. Standifer.

It is ordered that the 15th day of May, 1899, be appointed a day for hearing such application, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

A. P. LONGSHORE, Judge of Probate.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of one Fi. Fa. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House, in the town of Columbiana, on the 24th day of April, 1899, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

The interest of Mrs. Minnie J. Gist in the following described lands: The northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 and that part of the southeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 lying north of the Montevallo and Columbiana road, all in section 8, township 24, range 18 east, and containing 45 acres more or less.

All in Shelby County, Alabama. Levied upon as the property of Mrs. Minnie J. Gist, to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in my hands in favor of S. Jemison & Son.

This 24th day of March, 1899.

E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

Probate Notice.

Estate of ELAM BOOTH, deceased.

Letters of administration of said deceased having been granted to me, undersigned on the 15th day of March, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

E. F. VEST, Administrator.

Probate Notice.

Estate of MAHALA J. NORRIS, deceased.

Letters of administration of said deceased having been granted to me, undersigned on the 25th day of March, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. D. LOWE, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Angeline Killough, deceased.

Probate Court.

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to me, undersigned on the 14th day of February, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Long

THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beals.

Dr. Gunn, of Calera, was in the city Monday.

John Harper, of beat 8, was in town Saturday.

Payette Roy, of Helena, was in town Tuesday.

J. K. Milner, of Anniston, was in the city last Friday.

George Porter, of Calera, was in the city last Friday.

Jasper Holcomb, of Calera, was in town last Saturday.

Dr. J. B. Boyer, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

25-cent tooth brushes for 10 cents at Columbiana Drug Co.

Planters RUBIAN TEA cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Nellie Parker has been quite sick this week with grip.

W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in the city last Saturday.

W. H. Sturdivant, of Bamford, was in the city last Saturday.

Rev. R. M. DuBose, of Courtland, was in the city Monday.

George E. Mason spent Sunday with friends near Harpersville.

E. L. Lyman, Esq., of Montevallo, was in the city Saturday.

E. B. Teague, of Fourmile, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

Henry Lester returned last week from a visit to relatives in Texas.

Joe Weaver left last week for Little Rock, Ark., his future home.

George Peter, of Maylene, was in the city last Friday on business.

Planters RUBIAN TEA cures Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

W. T. Cox, of Bridgeton, attended the mass meeting here last Saturday.

Isaac Wood, of near Talladega Springs, is visiting relatives in the city.

Will Perry, of Montevallo, spent Sunday and Monday with friends here.

The City Council met Monday and elected Burt Hoxey city marshal.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner, of Childersburg, is visiting her son, B. L. Moore.

Dr. W. A. Lovett spent several days last week in Bessemer with relatives.

Ross Edwards, of Childersburg, spent Saturday in the city with relatives.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures Cough, Neuralgia and Toothache in five minutes. Sore Throat and Summer Complaints. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Lucy Smith left Tuesday for Centerville to visit relatives and friends.

Robert McEwen, of beat 9, was in attendance upon the mass meeting last Saturday.

Mrs. Hebb, of Wilsonville, spent a few hours in the city Saturday, with friends.

Rev. A. E. Burns filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday.

W. B. McMath, of Montevallo, spent a few hours in the city Sunday with friends.

Mrs. Carter and daughter Miss Jessie, of Shelby, spent Sunday with relatives in the city.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cts. For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Married, on the 13th inst., at the home of the officiating clergyman (Rev. I. J. Davis), M. M. Howell and Miss Susan Adeline Davis. We wish the young couple a long and happy life.

Hammond is still at the old quarters, with his head up, selling rice, sugar, coffee, molasses, tobacco, and all staple and fancy groceries cheaper than ever. Hurray for we "Pops" and Joe Johnston!

"What's the matter" with giving your horse or mule a dose of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic when he has colic? It will cure him; and that's what you want. For sale by druggists and country merchants.

Sam Dunn, of Evergreen, a traveling salesman, was in the city Tuesday and visited the family of Dr. Lovett.

Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic is the most wonderful healing compound offered to the public. For abrasion of the skin, laceration of the flesh, burns by flame or steam, hot metal, rope burns, or sunburn, ringworm, "poison-oak," etc., it is pre-eminently superior to anything. One fair trial will convince the most skeptical. Sold by all wide-awake druggists.

R. W. Gobb, of Birmingham, was in the city yesterday.

J. S. Falkner was called to Sterrett last Friday night to the bedside of his dying sister.

Harriett Jacob, a respected colored woman, died at her home here Sunday morning at an advanced age.

W. B. Morgan has completed the bridge across Yellow Leaf creek on the road from Wilsonville to Harpersville.

Mrs. J. H. Lovejoy, after spending a week with friends in the city, returned to her home in Gadsden, last Saturday.

Prof. Mynatt opened a private school in the public school building Monday with about 25 pupils in attendance.

Gat Harkins has completed the new roof on the Court House, and it was accepted by Commissioner Dykes Monday.

Our furniture varnish, applied with a woollen cloth, makes old furniture look new; 25 cents, at Columbiana Drug Co.

Miss Essie Mason was called home Tuesday from Tuscaloosa to the bedside of her father, Mr. I. D. Mason, who is quite sick.

We can recommend "Our Own Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla" as a blood medicine, because we know what it is. Columbiana Drug Co.

Misses Ruby Looney and Myrtle Swain and Henry Milner attended the C. E. convention in Birmingham Saturday and Sunday.

Hazlehurst, Miss, March 9, '92. Having tried Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, I can say it is a good remedy for cuts, bruises, etc.

B. D. GRAY, Pastor Baptist Church.

Only 50 cts. a bottle by Hall Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason, who have been visiting the family of I. D. Mason, returned to their home near Talladega Springs, last Saturday.

Wanted—Everybody and his wife to go to the Hall Drug Company and get a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, the most wonderful healing compound of the nineteenth century. It preserves the flesh, prevents inflammation or suppuration, and heals like magic. Pleasant as perfume and stainless as rose water.

Sheriff Vest went to Union Springs Friday after Rev. J. A. Farrier, colored, against whom the grand jury found a true bill at its last session for obtaining money under false pretenses. Farrier succeeded in making bond there.

Have you seen them? If not, you've a pleasure to come. At present the best sight in town is our handsome stock of new goods, which includes the pick of the market, in bright, fresh, new styles and novelties for the coming season. Our buying has been done with a view to offering you the best styles, the best qualities, and the best price concessions.

COLUMBIANA MERCANTILE CO.

School Exhibition.

Prof. W. H. Bird, teacher of Mt. Era school, will give an exhibition at that place on the evening of May 5, 1899, beginning at 7 o'clock. All invited. An interesting program has been prepared. A special invitation is extended to the County Superintendent of Education.

Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Railway will make a very low rate to Charleston, S. C., and return for the occasion of the Confederate Veteran Re-union there May 10th-13th. Tickets will be sold May 8th, 9th, and 10th inclusive, with final limit May 21st.

For further information, call on any agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

Death of Lemuel E. Crumpton.

Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death, from smallpox, of L. E. Crumpton, which occurred in Birmingham last Saturday. Deceased was a bright young man of about 22 years of age, and was taking a course at the Massey Business College, from which institution he would have graduated next month. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andie Crumpton, who lived about four miles east of Columbiana, and he leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

"The battle of our life is brief; The alarm, the struggle, the relief, Then sleep we side by side."

May Festival at Birmingham.

On account of the May Festival to be held at Birmingham, May 5-8, 1899, the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Birmingham, Ala., and return from points within a radius of 200 miles of that point at the rate of one fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold 4th, 5th, and 6th, with final limit to return May 12, 1899. Also, from points within a radius of 150 miles of Birmingham, tickets will be sold at something less than one fare for the round trip on May 5th and 6th, with final limit to return May 9, 1899. For further information, call on Southern Railway ticket agent.

PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL

To be Given by Society of Christian Endeavor.

Quartet: "Moonlight on the Lake," C. A. White—Misses Huyett and Swain, Messrs. DuBose and Thetford.

Recitation: "The Two Glasses"—Mildred White.

Piano solo: Arrangement of Matthew Floweow—Miss Swain.

Reading: "The Curtain," Hunter—Miss McGehee.

Vocal duet: "Moonlit Stream," Adam Giebel—Misses Huyett and Swain.

Recitation: "How He Won His Bride"—Miss Ruby Looney.

Quartet: "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," W. L. Thompson—Misses Huyett and Swain, Messrs. DuBose and Thetford.

Debate: "Resolved, That a woman always has the right to change her mind"—Affirmative, Miss Looney and Mr. Leeper; negative, Miss McGehee and Mr. Thetford.

Baritone solo: "The Day That's Gone Can Never Come Again," Safford Waters—Mr. F. W. Gist.

The social committee of the Columbiana Society of Christian Endeavor has arranged the above program, to be rendered at the White House, Friday evening, April 21st, at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Miss KARE HUYETT, Chairman.

Miss RUBY LOONEY, Secretary.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

To be Held at Wilsonville, Ala., April 21 and 22, 1899.

The following program has been prepared for the above occasion:

Institute opening at 10 a. m., Friday, April 21st.

Devotional services, conducted by Rev. A. E. Burns.

Address of welcome, by Prof. J. E. Edmonds.

Response, by Prof. A. G. Spinks.

Enrollment of teachers.

1:30 P. M.

Teaching common fractions—J. H. Mooney, W. H. Byrd.

Teaching English grammar—Misses Ida O'Hara and Eva Farr.

Teaching penmanship—Prof. F. Mynatt.

Denominate numbers—Rev. S. S. Crumpton.

Paper: The teacher as a student—Misses Louella Lyon and M. E. Pelham.

7:30 P. M.

Papers on "School-building, or how to build up a school"—Misses Ophelia Galloway and Irene Kennedy.

Should the State educate the children?—Prof. W. B. Greek and J. B. Kilpatrick.

Discussion of our new school laws by teachers of the institute.

Patriotism in the school—Prof. C. H. Florey.

Errors of our school system—Prof. H. C. Cain and Miss Annie Glibby.

9 A. M. SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises.

Paper: Neatness and politeness among the pupils—Miss Minnie Kidd.

Discipline in school-room, by the Institute.

Teaching orthography—Prof. H. A. Stovall and G. B. Wheeler.

Paper: Literature in school—Mrs. W. W. Wallace.

Penmanship—J. B. Farrell.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.

Notes—Every teacher expecting to continue in the work should attend this institute and hear the new school laws fully discussed.

Patrons, trustees, and friends of education are cordially invited to meet with us.

BURGESS WILLIAMS, County Supt. Education.

Southern Baptist Convention.

On account of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Louisville, Ky., May 12, 1899, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and connecting lines have arranged for a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold from all points in the South on May 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, and limited to 15 days for the return trip.

An extension of this return limit, however, may be secured, to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, by depositing ticket with the joint agent in Louisville on or before May 18th, and payment of a fee of 50 cents.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad furnishes a direct line from the South and Southeast to Louisville, with double daily service of sleeping cars and luxurious day coaches through without change.

I will be pleased to wait on you, either in person or by letter, giving you full information as to schedules, rates from your city, etc. Address me as below.

R. F. BRASLEY, Pass. Agent, Morris Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Southern Baptist Convention.

For this convention, which will be held at Louisville, Ky., May 11-16, 1899, the Southern Railway will sell tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 8th to 12th inclusive, with final limit 15 days. Tickets may be extended to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, provided they are deposited with the agent at Louisville prior to May 18th and payment of 50 cents.

For further information, call on any ticket agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

Free Vegetable Seeds.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich has a quantity of vegetable seeds for free distribution in 4th Congressional District. Anyone not having received a package can get one by addressing

A. E. HUGHES, Aldrich, Ala.

Wilsonville.

We are having fine weather, and the farmers around our little place are happy.

Henry Weldon, of Weldon, was in town Thursday.

Jesse Stone, of Fourmile, was in town Saturday.

J. I. Edwards was the happy escort of Miss Annie Strickland Sunday night.

Eugene Mason, the general machine agent, was in our town Saturday.

Mrs. Stevens, of Fourmile, has left for home.

Henry Taylor and Bruton Lyon were seen on our streets Saturday.

A great many of our young people spent Saturday fishing, and had fishermen's luck.

Remember the prayer meeting at the Baptist Church every Wednesday night. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

We learn that Jesse Stone's children are improving. They had a close call.

A great many of our young men attended Sunday-school over the river on the second Sunday.

Well, well, Edge, that old saying is as true as at the time of its origin: "A wise head keeps a still tongue." Had you been wise, you would not have told that girl she did not need two organs.

We are delighted to see the flowers flourishing and the green grass growing, and other vegetation putting forth their beautiful blossoms. We have a blossom that has been with us all the winter, and which outsparks the most magnificent magnolia that has ever bloomed; but you must keep this a profound secret, for if Edge finds it out he will be trying to trade his organ for our blossom.

That godless little red-headed correspondent at Fourmile came at us, saying that what we have said in regard to the organ was of our own make and a lie from its origin. Now, Edge, we have more proof to sustain our fidelity than you have to sustain your ignorance of proposing to that girl by saying she need not purchase an organ. And it behooves the little potentate to call us a black tramp. We are apprehensive that he is incapacitated to talk on this subject, as he has experienced it long enough to know the trouble of a vagabond. We are doomed to know that we have lost the little anchorite's friendship and devotion to our articles; but we need it not to enhance our renown.

Now, Edge, we suggest that you meditate over the matter, and see if you are not the man who has lied.

PINCH.

Redlaw.

Health good.

Corn planting is the order of the day.

Rev. Millstead, of Columbiana, filled the appointment of J. C. Frances Sunday evening at Bluespring, and preached a very interesting sermon.

L. B. Riddle, of near Lewis, was the happy guest of Miss Eva Farr Sunday evening.

Will Lyons, of Waxahatchie, visited the family of J. D. Smith Sunday.

Several of the young people of this place attended divine service at the new Baptist Church on Beeswax Sunday.

Arthur Cranson was the happy guest of Miss Jennie Holloway Sunday.

We wonder where E. B. Lyon and H. T. Taylor went Sunday.

Dr. E. B. Teague is visiting relatives at East Lake.

We think Ed. Smith went to Mr. Holloway's Sunday.

W. S. McEwen, of Wilsonville, attended service at Bluespring Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Armstrong, of Waxahatchie, visited relatives and friends here Sunday.

Misses Lizzie and Eula Taylor, of near Wilsonville, attended divine service at Bluespring Sunday.

E. Stinson and family spent Sunday with the family of A. J. Roper.

Miss Alma Farr was the guest of Miss O. Miner Sunday.

J. W. Spearman was in our parts Friday.

E. B. Teague, Jr., spent Sunday in Columbiana.

W. N. Minor went to Columbiana Saturday.

NED.

Providence.

Health good.

Rev. Lucas preached an able sermon here Sunday.

The farmers are busy planting cotton this fine weather.

Mr. Lynch attended services here Sunday.

Mr. McClendon killed a fine turkey Friday morning.

H. P. went over between the mountains Sunday. We think he means business.

Mr. Bird passed through our community Sunday on his way to his school.

TELEGRAPHY

Teach thoroughly and quickly. Positions guaranteed. Expenses low. Particulars free. Georgia TELEGRAPH SCHOOL, Senoia, Ga. Mention this paper.

Sterrett.

Mrs. E. J. Faulkner is very sick.

George Lawley met with a very serious and painful accident near this place Monday. While engaged hauling logs for the Sterrett Lumber Company, he fell off the dray and one of the wheels passed over his body. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

We are very sorry to say that Miss Valsie Faulkner is sick.

J. W. Goodwin and wife of Brighton, are visiting T. B. Faulkner and family.

J. L. Jarrett, who has been visiting his father for several weeks, returned to Woodlawn Sunday.

G. H. Green and wife, of Woodlawn, visited R. J. Byers and family Saturday and Sunday.

It is said that T. B. Faulkner has the nicest wheat in our community; it is now in the boot.

F. M. Goodwin and wife, of Oxmoor, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Bilbrey Sunday.

Jim Payton, who has been working in Blackburn, Miss., returned home a few days ago.

Mrs. R. F. Faulkner and daughter, of Leeds, are visiting relatives here this week.

Henry Weldon, of Weldon, was the guest of Miss Lela Turner Sunday.

C. H. Bradshaw and family, of Vance, are visiting relatives at this place, and attended the funeral of Mrs. Bilbrey Sunday.

Death has again invaded this community, taking from it one of the best and noblest women that has ever blessed it. Mrs. Dovie J. Bilbrey, wife of G. M. Bilbrey and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Falkner, after one week of intense sufferings and agonies, breathed her last on Friday night, April 14th, at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Bilbrey had given up her home, and came to minister to the wants of an afflicted mother; but the Lord called her first. Deceased joined the Baptist Church when 16 years old, and was ever a consistent member, living an exemplary life to all around her. She leaves a husband, three little children, father and mother, and two brothers—J. H. and J. S. Falkner, besides other relatives and hosts of friends to mourn her demise. She was 29 years and 6 months old at death. Her remains were interred in the cemetery here Sunday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. S. V. McGinnis, who performed the marriage ceremony which joined her to G. M. Bilbrey in February, 1890. May we all meet her in the beyond, where partings come not.

QUAKER.

Fourmile.

J. M. Dodson was here Monday.

W. A. Brasher, of near Vandiver was here Saturday.

W. H. Farr is a happy pappy: it is a boy.

Law! Shell! what about getting beat Sunday evening?

Charley Spearman and Willie Hadaway attended services near Weldon Sunday.

Farm work is now checked by the rain that fell Monday night.

L. B. Riddle will, at the next term of the Commissioners' Court, make application for a public road to run direct from Fourmile to East Saginaw.

Jesse Lyon was the escort of Miss Alice Minor Sunday evening.

L. B. Riddle was stopping at the residence of W. H. Farr Sunday evening.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spearman is quite ill. We wish it a speedy recovery.

Miss W. T. Taylor is on the sick list.

Otis Horton, of near Lester's Chapel, attended services here Sunday. Come again! you will find happy greetings.

W. E. Lester and B. H. Smothers, of Weldon, were here Sunday.



No amount of argument can convince the experienced, honest grocer that any other soap will give his customers such general satisfaction as Ivory Soap. He knows that they prefer Ivory Soap to new kinds, of unknown quality.

Ivory Soap will sell because the people want it, the other soaps may look like Ivory, but his customers want the real thing—they may buy a new soap once to try it, but they come back again and again for Ivory Soap, and they insist on having it.

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After six years suffering I was cured by Pilsa's Cure, MARY THOMSON, 29 1/2 Ohio Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

This, then, is the law of sub-human justice, that each individual shall receive the benefits and the evils of its own nature, and its consequent conduct.—Herbert Spencer.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

The residents of Alva, O. T., recently petitioned the town council to change the name of the place to Capron, in honor of Capt. Capron, of the Union Army, who was killed at Santiago. The petition was granted by a unanimous vote.

A Norway Dinner.

An American in Norway writes: "I recently went to a by no means unusual sort of dinner, party given by a wealthy political man, where twenty-three courses composed the menu. Re-training from a statement of the number of wines accompanying this feast, let me offer for contemplation the fact that services thirteen and fifteen, each of heavy meat, were divorced by (course fourteen) a rich plum pudding with sweet sauce. Dinner began at 5 o'clock; the women left the table a little before 8! At 9 the men rejoined them for talk, music and cards, and at 11 the dining room doors again opened to reveal a supper table laden with every cold delicacy, from a bird to a caviare sandwich, calculated to tempt and restore fainting humanity."

THE DUTY OF MOTHERS.

Daughters Should be Carefully Guided in Early Womanhood.

What suffering frequently results from a mother's ignorance; or more frequently from a mother's neglect to properly instruct her daughter!

Tradition says "woman must suffer," and young women are so taught. There is a little truth and a great deal of exaggeration in this. If a young woman suffers severely she needs treatment and her mother should see that she gets it.

Many mothers hesitate to take their daughters to a physician for examination; but no mother need hesitate to write freely about her daughter or herself to Mrs. Pinkham and secure the most efficient advice without charge. Mrs. Pinkham's address is Lynn, Mass.

The following letter from Miss MARIE F. JOHNSON, Centralia, Pa., shows what neglect will do, and tells how Mrs. Pinkham helped her:

"My health became so poor that I had to leave school. I was tired all the time, and had dreadful pains in my side and back. I was also troubled with irregularity of menstruation. I was very weak, and lost so much flesh that my friends became alarmed. My mother, who is a firm believer in your remedies from experience, thought perhaps they might benefit me and wrote you for advice. I followed the advice you gave, and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills as you directed, and am now as well as I ever was. I have gained flesh and have a good color. I am completely cured of irregularity."

A Time for Repairs.

Manufacturers of the "Birmingham" \$35. Guaranteed. Agents for Crescent, Wolf, American, Featherstone, Erie and others from \$5 up. Having the facilities to manufacture wheels, we are necessarily equipped to right any wrong on your wheel. Out of town orders solicited.

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INSOMNIA

"I have been using CASCARETS for insomnia, with which I have been afflicted for over twenty years, and I can say that Cascarets have given me more relief than any other remedy I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all they are represented."

THOS. GILLARD, Elgin, Ill.



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TRAVEL WITHOUT MOVING.

Novel Trips That Will be Offered to Visitors to the Paris Exposition.

It has been said frequently by those who know them best that to the true Parisians Paris is the world, and what is true of the Parisian in particular is equally so of the French in general. They are deeply interested in journeys, expeditions and explorations, but when it comes to leaving their hearthstones the bare idea terrifies them.

Such being the case, one of the features of the exposition should be a tremendous success. This is the Mareorama of the painter Hugo d'Alesi, whose railway posters and whose school picture tablets have been adopted by the government.

This plan will enable lovers of the Boulevard to take a long journey without leaving their easy chairs—that is, the journey from Marseilles on the Mediterranean to Naples, Venice and Constantinople.

The illusion is cleverly managed. The passenger goes on board the steamer, finds the deck and cabin correct in all details, and the crew of genuine sailors obeying the orders of a bonafide captain.

Around the ship are the blue waves, behind it the port of Marseilles, before it the sea and the horizon. The order to depart is given, smoke pours from the funnel, the water is churned up by the propeller of the vessel, which is placed on a pivot, four hydraulic pumps giving the motions of rolling and pitching, and in a few moments a fresh breeze, scented with the smell of the sea, strikes the face. This is furnished by ventilators filled with fresh seaweed.

Comfortably seated on deck, the traveler enjoys the sight as the vessel progresses, passes the forts and meets ships and fishing boats. All the incidents of a sea trip are supplied. A fleet of war vessels is sighted, sunrise and sunset are admitted, and the excitement of a storm at sea is safely tasted.

The arrival at Venice takes place at night, while at Naples the port is entered at daylight, as is that of Constantinople.

The illusion is produced by the walls of the panorama moving on both sides of the vessel. These canvases, more than fifteen yards high, slide smoothly by, moved by machinery, and the judicious use of lights and saline odors completes an effect opposite to that frequently experienced when journeying by rail, when the traveler seems to stand still while the landscape moves by.

Local color and music appropriate to each country will add to the pleasure of the journey on the Adriatic and Mediterranean and the Bosphorus. The site of the Mareorama at the Champs de Mars will be between the Eiffel Tower and the station of the Molineux, and it promises to be one of the attractions of the exposition.

WANTED WORK FOR HER "BOY."

Old Woman Astonished When the Limit Was Drawn.

Mrs. Jabrowski is a frugal old man dame who keeps a little grocery store out on West Twelfth street. Her face is like a piece of very wrinkled and very yellow parchment, but her mother heart is as young as the heart of her youngest granddaughter. For a number of years Mrs. Jabrowski has bought her supply of goods from the same down-town house, and has gotten on friendly terms with the driver of their wagon. She tells him her troubles, and sometimes asks his assistance in casting up a difficult account.

"Mr. Johnson, I want a fater to asket of you," she said one day last week. "Sure, Mrs. Jabrowski," responded the driver. "You know all dose beoples down town an' I want that you get my boy a place to work," said the old lady.

"Of course," said Johnson, "I'll try and see what I can do for the youngster, seeing that you're an old customer."

And when Johnson got down to the wholesale house he told his employer about Mrs. Jabrowski and her "boy." "All right, Ed, bring the boy down, and we'll put him to work at something. The chap may have the making of a man in him," replied the manager. The next day Johnson told the old lady about his getting the job for her boy. The boy was sent for, and presently came lumbering in. He proved to be a man fifty-two years old, and the father of ten children. His triflingness, as Johnson afterward found, is notorious in the neighborhood, and the old mother has been supporting him and his family for years, but he is still her "boy," and the old woman was heart-broken when told that the firm supposed he was a youngster, and had nothing for a grown man to do.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Housekeeping in the Philippines.

It is not a difficult matter for a Filipino couple to set up housekeeping after marriage. The native shacks or bungalows are curious-looking affairs, built entirely of bamboo, thatched with banana leaves and invariably set up on stilts of bamboo six or ten feet above the ground. The interior of the house is divided into two or three rooms, one of which is usually reserved as a chapel or prayer room. The household goods of these people are few. A grass mat serves for a bed; but a dozen calabashes or earthenware pots for cooking purposes and for the storage of rain water, and possibly one or two pictures cut from some illustrated paper complete the furnishing of a Filipino's home. They invariably keep children, pigs and at least three dogs, but the most prized of all is the plumed and petted fighting cock of the Philippines. This bird is fed on the best, has a bamboo house for himself and is the pride and boast of the whole family.—Gentleman.

One Family Owes a Bank.

There is a bank in Tokio, Japan, with a capital of \$3,000,000 and a reserve fund of \$3,250,000, which advises the following Board of Directors: Baron H. Mitsui, Gennosuke Mitsui, Genemon Mitsui, Takayasu Mitsui, Hachiro Mitsui, Saburotsuke Mitsui, Pakutaro Mitsui, Morinosuke Mitsui, Takematsu Mitsui, Yonosuke Mitsui, and Tokuyemon Mitsui. The first-named is the father, and the others are his sons. Every share of stock belongs to the family, and it is announced that they assume an unlimited responsibility for all the liabilities of the bank.

THINGS IN THE LADRONES.

Queer Food and Other Natural Products of the Islands.

The queer things in the Ladrones include a tree, says the Richmond Times, the fruit of which is so obnoxious to the nostrils that a man cannot "keep his stomach" and smell it. But once past the nose it is so delicious that he will eat until too full to walk. This fruit ripens once a month and is plentiful.

A nut which can be eaten shell and all is another queer product. The shell is brittle like a cracker, sweet and good. The inside has a kernel which can only be bitten when the fruit is fresh.

Another fruit is so rare that it is used as a coin.

A very queer mineral product is a stone which changes color in the atmosphere. Cold days it is black, hot days it is bright red, when rain threatens it is pinkish, and in cloudy weather it is blue. This stone lies on the highways and the pedestrian can forecast his own weather.

A great yellow flower which opens and closes to the sun at noon is another novelty. This flower takes only five minutes to open and shut; for one minute it is wide open, showing a white center with golden heart. It opens directly up to the sun and closes tight with drooping head. It varies not one minute in the whole lifetime of the plant. On cloudy days it opens, but its petals point downward, for the stem does not rise as on sunny days. This flower acts as a clock to the natives. The domestic animal of the Ladrones is a small bird called a "laughing donkey." It laughs like a parrot, but has projections at the side of its head which give rise to the name. Another household pet is the Japanese poodle, which here is very small and very curly haired.

This dog catches its own fish in the lagoons and eats fruit from the guava tree.

The man who owns a farm in the Ladrones is a rich man, for he can support life without labor. Breadfruit trees grow wild, and with the coconuts, are the shade trees of the islands. A grove of breadfruit trees to a Ladronian is what a herd of western cattle is to a ranchman. Fruit grows all the year round, and every quality of queer edible tropical fruit is found there.

A very valuable possession which Uncle Sam will use is the palm grove, which extends in a belt across the islands. This grove consists of palm trees which rise side by side so close together that you can hardly, except for the slenderness of the trunks of the trees, penetrate into the depths of the palm forest. They grow vegetable ivory, which in commerce is as good as the elephant tusk. This ivory can be used in all cases that do not call for great durability, and for ornaments it cannot be surpassed.

PITIED THE FILIPINOS.

What an American Soldier Thinks of the Fighting.

The most graphic pictures of the warfare in the Philippines which come from any source continue to be unstudied letters which private soldiers write to families in Western states. "Talk about dead Indians!" says Theodore Conley, of Emporia, who is in the Kansas regiment. "Why, they are lying everywhere—the trenches are full of them, the woods, and swamps

"He Who Pursues Two Hares Catches Neither."

Said a well known young man about town, "I tried for years to burn the candle at both ends, in the pursuit of pleasure while trying to attend to business. My blood, stomach and kidneys got into a wretched state and it seemed that I could not carry the burden any longer."

But now my rheumatism has gone, my courage has returned, and all on account of that marvel, Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has made me a picture of health. Now I'm in for business pure and simple."

"Up Disease"—I had running sores for eight years on my hips. I was confined to my bed at times and at others used crutches. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured my hip and gave me permanent health. O. E. ARCHER, 139 Dudley Street, Dayton, Ohio.

"Indigestion"—I now have a good appetite, eat well, sleep well and my dyspepsia and indigestion have left me. The reason is I used Hood's Sarsaparilla, which entirely cured me. I am Baggage Master on the B. & O. Railroad. THOMAS COLES, 119 Carr St., Sandusky, Ohio.

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Hanson Forden, a Virginia farmer, has supplied the White House table with eggs for the past eight years. He usually ships two crates a week, each crate containing thirty dozen eggs.

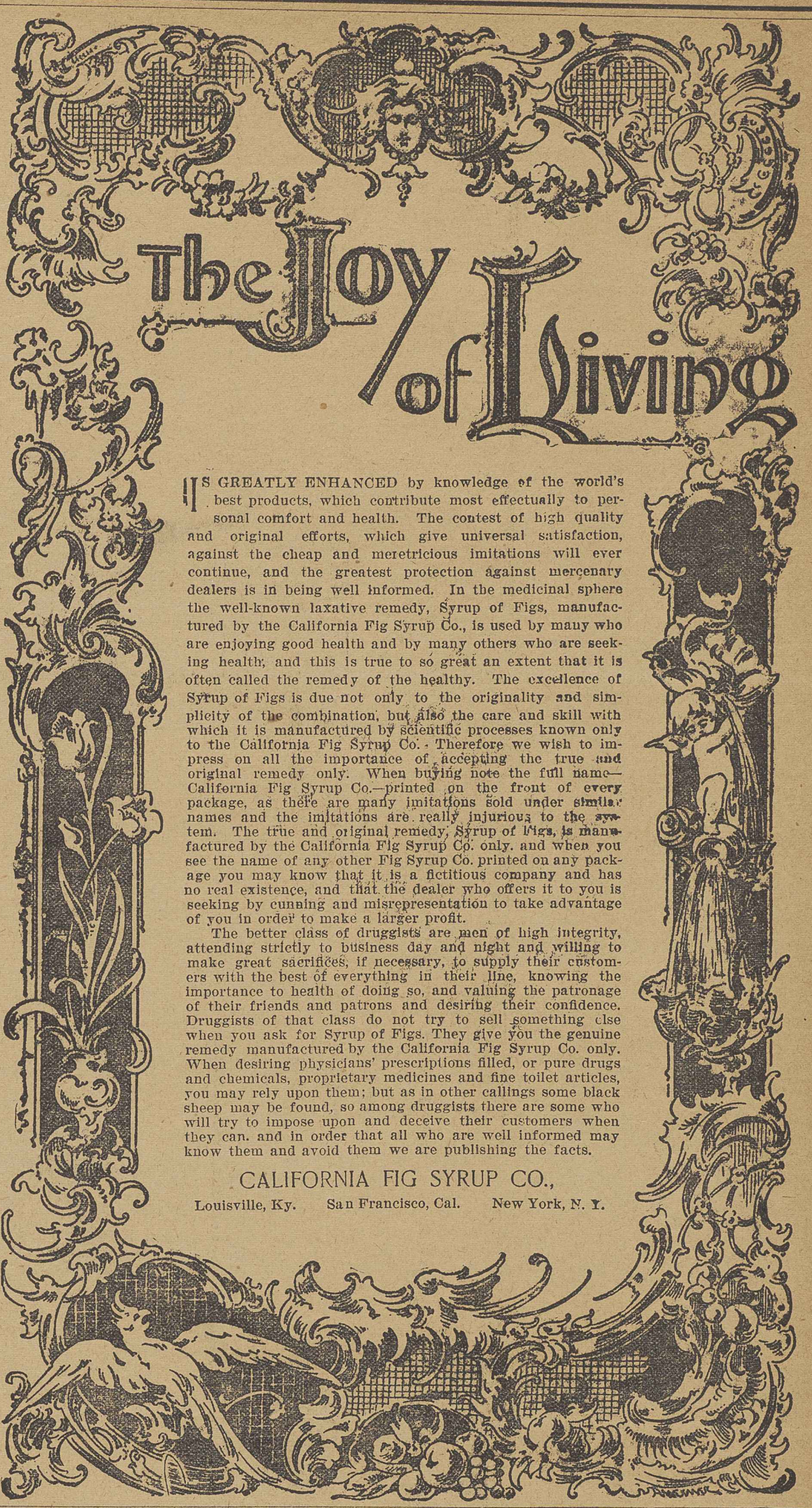
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The distribution of knowledge underlies all social reforms.—Ward.



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NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF ALABAMA

Will Convene in Mobile.
The annual convention of the Alabama Industrial and Commercial Association will convene in Mobile April 27th.

Sand Mountain Road.
Notice has been given at Fort Payne that books of subscription to the capital stock of the Sand Mountain railroad will be opened on May 22.

Big Brick Contract.
A contract has been let to M. C. Banks, of Montevallo, for 500,000 brick for the new building to be erected in Montevallo by the state for the Girls' Industrial school.

Suit for Damages.
In the United States court at Huntsville the suit of Vaught & Son vs. Friedman Bros. & Schaefer for \$10,000 damages was placed on trial and will probably consume a great deal of time.

Will Build a Hotel.
The Ingram Lithia Water Company has let a contract for the erection of a two-story hotel of eighteen or twenty rooms at Ingram Lithia Wells. The building will be completed in about thirty days.

In a Receiver's Hands.
The Alabama State Mutual Assurance company, a fire insurance organization, with headquarters in Anniston, was placed in the hands of a receiver Friday. The company recently has suffered from heavy fire losses. The company was one of the largest insurance companies of the kind in the south.

Cotton Gin Mill.
Anniston's cotton seed oil mill is now assured. The deal by which the industry is secured for Anniston was concluded Friday. A site has been purchased for the mill, and the work of erecting the necessary buildings will begin without delay in order that the plant may be in operation in time to use this year's cotton seed.

Moonshiners Captured.
Deputy Collector John Lanier and Deputy Marshals O. B. Harris and H. G. Ashley captured and destroyed a 150-gallon still in the neighborhood of Hazle Green. The outfit consisted of fake stands, washtubs and a large amount of beer. The still was in full blast and the operators—John Moore and a negro—were captured.

The Week's Crop Report.
Very favorable week; corn all planted except in northern counties and lowlands; considerable corn up and some being cultivated; much cotton planted in southern and middle counties, and early planted coming up; wheat promising; oats and trucking crops improving; peaches and pears almost total failure; strawberries well fruited and some being shipped.

Stole Cattle for Their Hides.
Ten men have been arrested at Decatur for wholesale cattle slaughtering. For weeks past many citizens have been losing their milch cows in mysterious ways. A few days since a regular channel yard, containing the skin denuded bodies of more than fifty cows, several horses and numbers of sheep, was discovered in an old disused field. The stock had been driven there, killed and stripped of their hides, leaving the carcasses to rot. Many of the cows were valuable Jerseys, worth hundreds of dollars. A watch was put on and the men were caught in the act of killing and skinning two cows.

Mrs. Wilton's Will Found.
A big-will case is on in Birmingham. Mrs. Mary Ann Wilton, who estate is worth some \$200,000, died in January. She had made a will twenty years ago, but for months after her death none could be found. It was found last week. Mrs. Wilton had only two next of kin—a niece and nephew. These she cut off with \$25 each, making several bequests of \$1,000 each to friends and devising the bulk of her estate to the Cumberland Presbyterian. Colonel John Handley, of Huntsville, is named as executor. The will names a residuary legatee, and on this point the next of kin have sent notice of contest. A big legal battle will ensue.

Hon. Clark Howell Appointed.
Governor Candler has appointed Hon. Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, to the vacancy on the board of trustees of the University of Georgia, caused by the death of the Hon. N. J. Hammond, who was president of the board. The board will call a meeting soon to choose a president.

Anniston Now Calhoun's Capital.
The official canvass of the votes cast in the recent election on the question of removing the county site of Calhoun county from Jacksonville to Anniston was made at Jacksonville Saturday and Anniston's majority was found to be 1,604. Anniston's bonus of \$7,500 was paid into the county treasury in cash and an order was made declaring Anniston the county site. There were no contests nor any sensational incidents.

His Presence Starts Rumors.
A. J. Spencer, representing Denison, Prior & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, who lately negotiated for the purchase of \$265,000 good road bonds and county bonds, was in Birmingham a few days since. His coming has given rise to the well defined rumor that his people have decided not to take up the bonds. This is very likely, owing to the agitation going on in the county to institute injunction proceedings against the bond bill, the people being very much dissatisfied with its terms.

Democratic Committee Outline Campaign.
The democratic state executive committee met in Montgomery Friday to outline a plan of campaign for a constitutional convention. The calling of an extra session of the legislature to repeal the act calling the convention made the meeting an important one. The voice of those present was almost unanimous for a new constitution. The governor came in for an unmerciful scoring for going back on a question that had been made a party one. A resolution was adopted by a vote of 18 to 7 instructing the chairman of the executive committee, to appoint a campaign committee, "of which he shall be chairman, to take charge of and conduct a campaign for the calling of the constitutional convention and the election of the democratic nominees, state and county."

The committee placed itself on record as opposed to the repeal of the act calling the constitutional convention.

State Medical Association.
The Alabama State Medical Association adjourned at Mobile Friday after four day's session of more than usual interest.

The election of officers resulted:
President—J. C. LeGrand, M. D., Birmingham.

Junior Vice-President—S. C. Gay, M. D., Selma.

Censors—E. H. Sholl, M. D., Birmingham, and Glenn Andrews, M. D., Montgomery (elected for five years).

Orator—Rieth Goode, M. D., Mobile.

Alternate Orator—T. H. Frazer, M. D., Mobile.

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Alabama Epworth League.

At its final session in Mobile the State Epworth League elected the following officers:

President—Rev. F. P. Culver, of Tuscaloosa.

First Vice President—Rev. E. C. May, Montgomery.

Second Vice President—Miss Mabel Wheeler, Birmingham.

Third Vice President—Miss Maggie Howard, Mobile.

Secretary—J. K. Watkins, Opelika.

Statistical Secretary—L. H. Carre, Anniston.

Treasurer—Miss Louise Westcott, Montgomery.

Editor of Epworth League Department of the Alabama Advocate—Rev. J. D. Ellis, Avondale.

District secretaries were named as follows:

Birmingham—Dr. R. F. Lovelady.

Decatur—Rev. T. F. Hawkins.

Florence—Rev. H. C. Howard.

Gadsden—Rev. Theodore Copeland.

Guntersville—Rev. J. C. Persinger.

Huntsville—Miss Helen Gill.

Lafayette—Armistead Browne.

Talladega—J. H. Wilson.

Tuscaloosa—J. A. J. Brock.

Jasper—Z. A. Dowling.

Greensboro—Rev. Henry Trawick.

Selma—C. M. Howard.

Stafania—Rev. H. D. Moore.

Montgomery—L. E. Baker.

Union Springs—Rev. A. J. Briggs.

Marianna—Rev. J. M. Dannelly.

Prattville—Mrs. Dr. Matthews.

Pascaloa—Miss Glenn Cody.

Chairman Lowe's Address.

Following the action of the state executive committee, Chairman Lowe Saturday issued the following address to the democratic party of Alabama:

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., April 22, 1899.

To the democratic and conservative party of Alabama:

At a meeting of the state executive committee of the democratic and conservative party of Alabama, held in Montgomery yesterday, the 21st instant, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The democratic caucus of the general assembly endorsed the call for a constitutional convention; and

"Whereas, The state convention of the democratic party is the highest party authority in the state; and

"Whereas, The state convention has endorsed the call and has made the same a party issue; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the chairman of the committee be and he is hereby directed to appoint a campaign committee, of which he himself shall be chairman, to take charge of and conduct a campaign for the calling of the constitutional convention and the election of the democratic nominees, state and county.

"Resolved, That this committee is opposed to the repeal of the act calling the constitutional convention."

By direction of the committee I appeal now to the democracy of Alabama to rally around the standard which the party has raised. The majority has spoken, and the majority should rule.

No organization can long endure which disregards the right of the majority to rule. Those who are wisest and best amongst us have declared that the welfare of Alabama depends upon the issue now presented.

The republican party has declared against this measure.

It is understood that the populist party opposes it.

The democratic caucus of the general assembly approved the bill.

The democrats of the general assembly passed it.

A democratic governor approved it. The democratic state convention declared in favor of a constitutional convention by a vote of two to one. And your state committee on yesterday, in the foregoing resolution, declared it to be a party issue.

If there be wisdom, patriotism and conservatism in the democratic party in Alabama, then this measure is wise, patriotic and conservative.

It is not to be believed that a general assembly composed of a majority of democrats in both houses will rescind their own act, and thereby refuse to abide the judgment and mandate of the party so clearly and repeatedly asserted.

It would be untimely to undertake to set forth here the reasons which have been deemed sufficient to make this measure a party issue.

At a proper time and as soon as it may be practicable to begin the campaign, your senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, your nominees and all other orators and writers will again present to the people the reasons for the faith your party has professed. In the meantime, let us hope that every patriot who loves Alabama, and every democrat who loves his party will give his voice and influence in this emergency to the preservation of party harmony and the maintenance of party organization.

This is not the time to dally or to doubt. The people of Alabama are about to determine at the polls whether or not a new constitution shall be adopted. Let them not be deprived of the opportunity to determine this question. Who questions that they will determine wisely? Who is afraid to trust the people?

The democracy desires the honor, the welfare and the glory of Alabama, and in this spirit now appeals to a liberty-loving, God-fearing and patriotic people to rise up to the measure of this great emergency.

ROBERT J. LOWE, Chairman.

Lumber Scare.

It is stated that owing to the large amount of building now in progress in and about Birmingham that there is a decided scarcity in the lumber market. Orders for lumber, builders say, have to be put in some time in advance, and then it is frequently the case that they have to wait.

Goes to the Philippines.

Captain Joseph M. Hinds, late consul general to the Argentine Republic, has been appointed assistant director of the military mail service at Manila. He leaves Huntsville immediately for San Francisco to take passage.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The North Atlantic squadron sailed from St. Pierre northward Saturday.

The 11th Infantry is to remain in Porto Rico. The 19th will come home instead.

The 3d Georgia, Col. L. Bernes, was mustered out at Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Saturday.

The Missouri river continues to rise. A dyke broke at Hamburg, Mo., but no serious damage was done.

President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, and his cabinet have temporarily moved the government offices to Jinotepé, in the mountains southeast of Managua.

Col. M. Lewis Clark, of Louisville, the well-known racing judge, committed suicide in Memphis, Tenn., Saturday morning in his room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED

Governor Johnston Issues Proclamation for Extra Session,

TO MEET AT THE CAPITOL MAY 2, 1899

For the Purpose of Considering the Repeal of the Act Calling for a Constitutional Convention—The Governor States His Reasons.

A PROCLAMATION.

The General Assembly of Alabama is hereby called to meet in extra session at the Capitol on Tuesday, May 2, 1899, at noon, for the following purposes only:

1. To consider the question of repealing an act entitled:

"An Act to provide for holding a convention to revise and amend the constitution of this State, and for the submission of the question—convention or no convention—to a vote of the electors of the State." Approved December 16, 1898.

2. To consider and submit amendments to the constitution of the State.

3. To consider a primary election law.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed at the Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this, the 20th day of April, 1899.

JOS. F. JOHNSTON, Governor.

By the Governor,
ROBERT P. McDAVID,
Secretary of State.

MONTGOMERY, Apr. 20, 1899.

In connection with his proclamation calling the general assembly in extra session, the governor gave to the press the following statement, which he has issued to the people:

To the people of Alabama:

I have determined that it is my duty to convene the general assembly in extra session to repeal the convention act, submit amendments to the present constitution, and adopt a primary election law.

I am satisfied that if the act be not repealed a bitter campaign will ensue, the convention be overwhelmed by a vote of the people and desirable amendments postponed for years to come.

An extra session should not cost over \$10,000; the election alone, under the act, even if fruitless, would cost about \$30,000. The money will come in any event out of the pockets of the people.

In my last biennial message to the general assembly, whilst conceding that the constitution needed some revision, I said:

"Our state is enjoying a political repose most grateful, after years of bitter dissension and strife, and, if possible, we should wisely avoid any issue that would disturb this condition." I submitted to the general assembly, "whether such revision as may be necessary could not be had with more certainty and less expense, apprehension and discord by amendment than by a general convention."

The general assembly by narrow majorities, five in the senate and ten in the house, decided to submit to the electors the question as to whether or not they desired a constitutional convention. Whilst this was not in accord with my views, I did not feel at liberty to withhold my assent from a measure that permitted every voter in the state to decide for himself whether he desired a convention to be held or not. Since then a democratic state convention has been held and without the question ever having been submitted to the democratic voters, or having been considered by them, an attempt was made to take away from them the right given by the legislature to decide for themselves whether they desired a convention or not, and to bind them to vote for a convention, whether approved by their judgment and conscience. This has been followed up by threats that nominees of county conventions shall disobey the wishes of the conventions which nominated them, and declare for the constitution convention or be driven to resign.

A PARTISAN PLAN.

Instead of the non-partisan convention designed by the general assembly the plan now seems to be to give us a constitution framed by partisans seeking only political advantage for their engineering and directing the cause.

THE SUFFRAGE LIMITATION.

Some of the friends of the convention claim that the pledges given in the platform practically confines the convention to a consideration of the suffrage amendment. If this be true and the pledges are faithfully observed, I am sure that the 133 members of the general assembly are quite as competent to frame amendments and are quite as patriotic and representative of the people of Alabama as the delegates named to the constitutional convention, and can do the work at one-tenth the cost of a constitutional convention.

PLEDGES THAT ARE MISSING.

The pledge to submit the proposed constitution to the ratification of the people is ominously silent as to who shall be qualified electors to vote on it. The convention seems to have the power to deny to those disfranchised by it the right to vote on ratification. Even if we can trust every member of the convention to keep in good faith every pledge made, and the previous record of some of them does not inspire confidence, then the pledges did not go far enough.

Our present constitution guards with jealous care many rights dear to the people. Amongst others:

1. It provides a homestead exemption to shelter every family in Alabama.

2. It prohibits the state and counties and municipalities from endorsing bonds of railroads, or lending their aid or credit to any corporation.

3. It secures to the people the right to elect their own judges and other officials.

4. It prohibits imprisonment for debt.

5. It secures the right of trial by jury.

No pledge is given that a single one of these provisions shall be preserved, inviolate.

SHACKLED ONCE, SHACKLED TWICE.

If the call for a convention can be made a party question and democrats led shackled to the polls to vote the commands of those who may dominate their conventions, the ratification can also be made a party question and a constitution adopted distasteful to 49 per cent. of the party, and to 100 per cent. of all other electors.

INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL ENDANGERED.

The state has not only been enjoying political repose under our present constitution, but is making rapid progress. The laws are enforced; peace, security and good order prevail; the dissensions and divisions of the past have almost disappeared; mob law has ceased; our public schools are making rapid progress; the burdens of taxation have been more equally distributed; economy is rigidly enforced; public officials are held to rigid accountability to the people; manufactures are increasing; railroads are being constructed; the large deficit of two years since has been paid and the public credit has reached the highest point in the history of the state.

A constitution that produces such results is certainly not wholly bad. These facts are well known all over the country, and Alabama is recognized in all financial centers, as the most inviting field in the United States for the profitable investment of capital. To disturb these conditions now by political strife and dissension, to open up for discussion the overthrow of a constitution that has made these conditions possible and to practically devote the remainder of this year to heated political discussions and elections and watching the proceedings of a constitutional convention would, I fear, check at the borders of our state and possibly retard for a long time the incoming capital so greatly needed for the development of our splendid resources.

APPREHENSION EXCITED.

So many evil things may be done by a constitutional convention and so few good things that cannot be accomplished by constitutional amendments that it is enough to excite the apprehension of all good citizens. The fact that any constitution framed would be the offspring of a democratic convention denounced by the newspapers most ardent in support of the constitutional cause as the most disgraceful that ever sat in Alabama is enough to excite alarm; a convention that throttled debate and sought to expel life long democrats from its halls who desired to be heard and nominated a lot of unrepentant deserters who still denounce the national platform and leader of our party, can hardly be the parent of anything acceptable to true democrats.

DEFOUNDED BY DESERTERS.

Scared democrats who never failed to give generous support to the nominees of our party, are now denounced as traitors because they are unwilling to be led and have their political faith questioned by men who basely betrayed their party in 1896 and who still denounce its splendid platform, and who are now conspiring to prevent Alabama next year from sending a delegation to the national convention that will vote as a unit for the renomination of the ablest and most patriotic democrat now living. Some good democrats are unwittingly lending their aid to this movement.

THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES.

Some now most persistent in demanding a new constitution have not resided sufficiently long in the state to become acquainted with the present one or the sentiment of our people.

PRIMARY ELECTION LAW.

Recent events have again demonstrated the necessity for a primary election law that will secure to every voter the right to express his choice and convictions and to have that given effect. Such a law wisely framed will be potential to unite the white people, destroying existing evils, and pave the way to secure any amendment necessary to our constitution.

DESERVES THEIR OPPOSITION.

I count myself fortunate to still deserve the opposition of the editors and editorial writers of nearly every newspaper in Alabama that deserted the democratic party in 1896; of every unfaithful official, of every tax dodger, of every office seeker whose pretensions outstriped his ability and service to the party, and of every individual and corporation whose rapacious fingers sought unlawful gains or special privileges and immunities at the expense of the people.

WILL CONTINUE TO DESERVE IT.

Had I been content to betray the people, desert the principles of my party and the pledges it made, surrender to rings and cliques and yield my

powers and judgment and convictions to others, I would have the enthusiastic support of many now in opposition. I shall continue to deserve the hostility of those by fighting the battle of the people, protecting the treasury, enforcing their laws, maintaining the principles of the democratic party and standing for equal rights to all and special privileges to none.

JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON.

LAWTON IN THE FIELD.

Force Traversing the Country Recently Cleared of Rebels but Reoccupied.

MANILA, April 23.—General Lawton

took the field today with a column of troops consisting of the North Dakota regiment, two battalions of the Third infantry and the Twenty-second infantry, two guns of Scott's battery, three troops of the Fourth cavalry and Gates' squadron, equipped in light marching order.

This force started at 5 o'clock this morning over the Novaches road, traversing the country previously cleared of rebels, but subsequently reoccupied by them.

It is to be presumed that General Lawton, by this movement, will outflank the enemy before joining MacArthur north of Malolos.

The Dakota regiment first encountered the enemy in front of Novaliches at 8:15 a. m.

The rebels opened fire on our troops but their fire was silenced fifteen minutes later, the enemy retiring in bad order and the Americans advancing along the dough roads around Novaliches. They were considerably annoyed by the fire of the rebel sharpshooters from the jungles for two hours.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the soldiers were compelled to take a brief rest in the shade as the heat was overpowering.

UNDER FLAG OF TRUCE.

Spanish Commissioners Attempt to Enter Rebel Lines.

MANILA, April 23.—11:20 a. m.—Colonel Remie and Major Lasseras, the Spanish commissioners, with their secretaries, attempted to enter the rebel lines last week to confer with Aguinaldo regarding an exchange of prisoners, but failed in their mission.

The party, the members of which were attired in full uniform, drove to the American camp and lunched with General MacArthur. They proceeded in a carriage under a flag of truce toward Calumpit, but were stopped by the rebel outposts on the road, who assumed a menacing attitude and refused to parley with the commissioners, and the latter were compelled to return on the evening train from Manila. The rebels from Calumpit have recently been reinforced by bodies of men from the Pampanga province, and are now well entrenched in a very strong position.

The United States transport, Pueblo, has arrived with the headquarters and a part of the Ninth infantry. All are well.

RICH GOLD MINE.

Independence Mine in Colorado Sold to English Syndicate.

A private cablegram from London positively announces the sale of the Independence Gold Mine to an English syndicate. The price is \$10,000,000. Verner Zered, co-operating with the Venture corporation of London, made the deal, which is the greatest in the history of American mining.

W. S. Stratton, the organizer and owner of the property, is now in London, and personally conducted negotiations. The sale includes the independence mine, 100 acres of surrounding territory in the Cripple Creek district.

Officers of the Raleigh Entertained.

Captain J. B. Coghlan and his officers of the United States cruiser Raleigh, were royally entertained in New York Friday night at the Union League Club. The dining room was handsomely decorated with American and British flags and large tables were weighted with good things for the returned heroes. President Elihu Root presided, and after an eloquent speech of welcome, called for three cheers for Admiral Dewey. They were given so that the building seemed to throb in sympathy. Three mighty cheers followed for Captain Coghlan.

Monument to Washington.

At the annual dinner of the Sheffield Press club, given at Sheffield, Eng., Rt. Hon. George Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, was the guest of honor.

David Christie Murray, the novelist, alluding in the course of his speech to the relations between Great Britain and the United States suggested the erection on British soil by British subscription of a statue of George Washington as "a recognition of the honesty of the cause in which America fought against us and of our eternal amity for that great people."

The Tenth United States cavalry, the colored regiment which did such effective service in the Santiago campaign, is to have another tour of duty in Cuba. The regiment is now in Texas. It has been ordered to leave as soon as possible for Santiago. A part of the regiment is stationed at Manzanillo and the remaining troops at Santiago. It will operate against the bandits who have been giving so much trouble in Santiago.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Newsy Gossip From the Seat of Government.

STATUS OF THE ARMY IN THE PHILIPPINES

Withdrawing Troops From Porto Rico and Cuba to Be Sent Forward to Manila—Trade With South America.

Other Interesting Items.

Nearly 9,000 regulars of the 14,000 that the president has determined to order to General Otis during the coming summer have been practically selected and no difficulty is apprehended by the war department authorities in securing the remaining 5,000 by the time they are needed.

The excellent outlook in Porto Rico and Cuba will in all likelihood permit the withdrawal of four more regiments from these islands before the summer is over, and the 5,000 thus obtained will fill the requirements, either by being sent forward directly to Manila or by relieving domestic garrisons for service across the Pacific.

The lack of transportation facilities constitute the greatest problem, but General Otis fortunately does not require more than 30,000 troops during the summer and by the time he does need the remaining 5,000 they will be ready for him and the ships will be available to transport them.

Adjutant-General Corbin, upon whom devolves the responsibility of furnishing all the military forces required in the colonies, has prepared the following tabulated statement, which shows at a glance the troops at the disposal of General Otis:

Troops at Manila—Third artillery, four batteries, 210 men each, 840; Sixth artillery, two batteries, 120 men each, 240; Fourth cavalry, six troops, 100 men each, 600; Third, Fourth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second, Twenty-third infantry, eight regiments of 1,378 men each, 11,024; fourteenth infantry, ten companies and band, 1,144. Total number of men 13,488.

Troops now at sea—Ninth infantry, 1,378 men; three batteries of light artillery, 360; six batteries of Sixth artillery, 960. Total number of men, 4,076.

Troops ordered to sail—Thirteenth infantry, April 27, 1,378; Sixth infantry, about May 5, 1,378; Sixteenth infantry, about May 7, 1,378. Total number of men, 4,134.

Grand total, 21,698.

A letter just received from the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department states that American manufacturers and merchants apparently are not making the effort to extend their trade to South America that those of other countries are making.

The imports into the Argentine Republic from Germany increased from 3,045,

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COLUMBIANA, APRIL 27, 1899.

COUNTY CONVENTION

Of the People's Party of Shelby County Will Be Held May 30th, at Columbiana.

At a mass meeting of the People's Party of Shelby County, Ala., held at the Court House in Columbiana, Saturday, April 15, 1899, it was ordered that a County Convention of the People's Party of said county be called to meet at the Court House in Columbiana on Saturday, the 20th day of May, 1899, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for delegate to represent Shelby County in the constitutional convention; and, also, that the various beats of the county hold primaries on Saturday, the 13th day of May, to select one delegate for every twenty-five votes cast for Hon. G. B. Deans for Governor, or majority fraction thereof, to represent said beats in the county convention.

The following table shows the number of delegates each beat is entitled to have in the county convention:

Beat.	No. of Delegates.	Beat.	No. of Delegates.	Beat.	No. of Delegates.
1	11	7	3	13	2
2	3	8	4	14	2
3	5	9	9	15	2
4	8	10	5	16	3
5	1	11	2	17	1
6	2	12	2	18	2

Total number of delegates, 67.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
Chairman pro tem.

O. O. BIRD, Secretary.

The fight is on.

Joseph F. Johnston is still on top.

There will be lively scenes in the Alabama Legislature during the extra session.

There is no question but that the people are with Governor Johnston in his fight against bossism.

Perhaps the Governor made it right with some of the Democratic dailies to oppose his policy, and thereby insure its success.

A cataclysm of mawkish sentimentality will now be in order: the execution of Sam Holt would not be complete without it.

We are opposed to making the constitutional convention question a party issue: such a dictatorial policy ought to damn any party that would adopt it.

The splendid record of Col. Reub Kell has made him indispensable to that wing of the Democratic party which will be known in history as the "left" wing.

The constitution of Alabama should be framed, as suggested by Ex-Governor Oates in a speech in Barbour County some time ago, by the best men of all parties.

If Governor Johnston will continue to fight the battles of the people as he has done for the last two months, there is no power on earth to keep him out of the United States Senate.

The Age Herald is of the opinion that both the old parties will denounce the trusts, and do nothing. This is precisely what they have been doing for years, and is also what they will continue to do just as long as the people will stand it. Verily, the Age-Herald is a great prophet!

The Age-Herald and the Montgomery Advertiser are paying the way for Governor Johnston to go to the United States Senate. The best way in the world to kill a man is to say nothing about him; and the surest road to success is the active opposition of two or three prominent daily newspapers.

An extra session of the Legislature has been called by Governor Johnston to meet in Montgomery on the 2nd day of May to consider the propriety of repealing the act passed by the last session of the Legislature submitting the question of calling a constitutional convention to a vote of the people. Beyond doubt, Governor Johnston has a backbone of uncommon strength. There are few men in the state who have the moral courage to take such a responsibility as the Governor has.

The Chronicle man says he seldom sees anything in our columns worthy of comment. Judging from the twaddle which he gives out as "comment," he will be a proper subject for the commissioning of all kind-hearted people if the "intelligence" test of Mississippi is ever adopted in Alabama. For his own sake, he ought to pray night and day for the repeal of the constitutional convention act. It is because we are fearful lest such as he may be deprived of the right to vote that we are opposed to any and all "monkeying" with the franchise, which is one of the most sacred rights of every American citizen.

Attorney-General Griggs says that the only way to get behind the trusts is to remove the tariff from all the articles which the trusts control. It is refreshing to hear this from such a distinguished authority as the Republican Attorney-General. Now, to be consistent, he ought to do all he can to convince his party that it is its duty to so revise the tariff that the trusts will be compelled to deal fairly with the people or go out of business.

The Democrats of Shelby County are lamenting the fact that, in the event of a constitutional convention being called, the Populists have decided to assume all responsibility for the proper representation of our county. The Democrats need not lose any sleep over this matter: the Populists will see to it that the county is represented by a good man.

The Democratic party of to-day has none of the principles of Thomas Jefferson: Thomas Jefferson would not have countenanced for a moment the idea of his party, in any State, attempting to make the organic law of the State fit the Democratic party.

It is now Johnston and anti-Johnston.

A Card from J. P. Pearson.

To the Populists of Shelby County: The County Convention to be held in Columbiana May 20th is one in which every Populist in the county should be interested.

Like deadly pestilences, the bosses and tricksters of the old parties have been mocking the people in their poverty and laughing at their misfortunes until at last the crisis has come and they are in a muddle. The tide must change. The principles of the people's party can no longer be abused and disregarded. The old parties, which have so long existed and which have become so dastardly rotten and corrupt, have wrought this condition of ruin and sorrow upon the people. We have been warned of the result of class laws centralized in the hands of a few self-imposed, unprincipled individuals. The result of such a blatant, infamous, and corrupt government is now looking us in the face. The plans of the democratic schemers are laid. The conspiracy is formed. Despite the resolution passed by the Democratic convention a few days ago, we fear the result of the constitutional convention. The right of suffrage is sacred to every white man in this country. The life or death of the people lies before us. We should make the fight for our freedom. Let every Populist and reformer rally to his full duty with a new zeal and energy. When thieves fall on and fight, honest men get their rights.

J. P. PEARSON.

BURNED AT THE STAKE!

The Fate of a Murderer and Rapist.

Sam Holt, the negro who killed Alfred Cranford and then ravished the poor, helpless wife of his victim, at Palmetto, Ga., about two weeks ago, was captured Saturday night in Macon County, Ga., by two brothers, named J. B. and J. L. Jones, who carried their prisoner to Newnan, Ga., and handed him over to the sheriff on Sunday afternoon. After the sheriff had received for the negro, a mob of nearly a thousand men, who had assembled in town soon after it became known that the murderer was being brought in, took him away from the officers, carried him about a mile and a half from town, and burned him at the stake.

By the time the wretch had been strapped to the stake, fully 2,000 people had gathered round the spot to witness the infliction of the horrible death to which he had been summarily condemned by an outraged populace.

Such suffering has seldom been witnessed, and through it all the negro hardly uttered a cry, although his agony was such as to cause several blood-vessels to burst. Ex-Gov. Atkinson and Judge A. D. Freeman pleaded earnestly and eloquently with the mob to let the law take its course, but without avail. Before he died, Holt declared that Lige Strickland, a colored preacher, had promised him \$20 to kill Cranford. Monday morning the body of the preacher was found swinging from a tree at Palmetto.

STATE CONVENTION

Of the People's Party Called for May 30th, at Birmingham.

The State Committee of the People's Party met in Montgomery on Wednesday night, March 29th, and issued the following call:

"A State convention of the People's Party of Alabama is hereby called to meet at Birmingham on the 3d day of May, 1899, for the purpose of nominating candidates for delegates from the different Senatorial districts, and to take such other action as may be deemed best. Representation of the respective counties will be based on the vote for Hon. G. B. Deans for Governor, one delegate being allowed for each 200 votes so cast. Where not otherwise ordered, county conventions or mass meetings should be held by Saturday, April 23d.

By order of the State Executive Committee, G. B. CROWE.

Southern Baptist Convention.

On account of the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in Louisville, Ky., May 12, 1899, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and connecting lines have arranged for a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold from all points in the South on May 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, and limited to 15 days for the return trip. An extension of this return limit, however, may be secured, to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, by depositing ticket with the joint agent in Louisville on or before May 18th, and payment of a fee of 50 cents.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad furnishes a direct line from the South and Southeast to Louisville, with double daily service of sleeping cars and luxurious day coaches through without change.

I will be pleased to wait on you, either in person or by letter, giving you full information as to schedules, rates from your city, etc. Address me as below.

R. F. BEASLEY, Pass. Agent,
Morris Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

Notice to Pensioners.

Notice is hereby given to disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors and the widows of such soldiers and sailors, that the undersigned Board of Examiners for Shelby County, Ala., will open an office in the Court House of the said County on the first Monday in June, 1899, and for ten days thereafter, during which time applications for pensions under the Act approved February, 1899, can be made to said board, and the applicants should appear in person and have two witnesses who can prove the service of the soldier or sailor, or of the deceased soldier or sailor when the application is by a widow. Persons owning property exceeding in value \$400.00 or who have children living with them upon whom they can depend for support, or whose salary or income exceeds \$300.00 per annum, are not eligible and need not apply. Applicants should come prepared to give a full itemized list of all property owned by them, with the value of each item.

A. T. ROWE,
S. H. GIER,
Board of Examiners.

Southern Baptist Convention.

For this convention, which will be held at Louisville, Ky., May 11-13, 1899, the Southern Railway will sell tickets at the rate of one fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold May 8th to 12th inclusive, with final limit 15 days. Tickets may be extended to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, provided they are deposited with the agent at Louisville prior to May 18th and payment of 50 cents.

For further information, call on any ticket agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. JACKSON, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

WOMAN'S TRIALS.

Many women suffer great pain at monthly periods and believe it natural. Others realize the danger of hesitating to secure treatment on account of humiliating local examinations. Nature intended the "monthly periods" to be painless and regular. Unusual pain and sickness indicate serious derangements which should have prompt attention, or they rapidly grow worse. Local examinations are not necessary since the discovery of



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Sold by all druggists or sent post paid for \$1.00 a box of "Monthly Regulator" with each bottle.

Write to any address, Box on the Home Treatment of Female Diseases. A sample box of "Monthly Regulator" sent free of charge in stamps. Address: New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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500 pieces shirting percales, guaranteed fast colors and perfect goods—about 50 patterns to select from—per yd 3/4 cents.

50 pieces Scotch lawn, fast colors, per yd 3/4 cents.

400 pieces best quality standard prints, per yd 4 1/2 cents.

Best quality 4-1 percales, per yd 6 cents.

25 yds sea island for \$1.

25 yds cotton checks for \$1.

Wash Fabrics: A new shipment of Swiss lawns—stripes, plaids, and floral designs—valued at 15 cents, for this special sale 10 cents.

Nice line of light woolen goods.

100 pieces Indian linen lawn, very sheer quality, 15 cents; for this special sale 10 cents.

Lonsdale cambric, 1 yd wide, this special sale 10 cents.

Clothing.

Very exceptional offer in clothing for this 30 day sale.

25 men's suits, different patterns, at \$3.50.

50 men's suits in black clay worsted, \$5.

24 men's suits, at \$2.50.

Boys' suits, from 3 to 10, at 50 cents.

One lot of men's coats, for spring and summer, from 40 cents to \$1.25.

Good work pants for 75 cents.

Good dress pants, from \$1.25 to \$4.

Boys' knee pants, 4 to 14, 15 cents.

One lot of men's coats, for spring and summer, from 40 cents to \$1.25.

Laces.

Special sale of new embroideries and laces, all styles and qualities, from 5 cents to 50 cents per yd.

Ladies' Vests.

Ladies' vests for this special sale, 10 cent goods for 5 cents; 20 cent goods for 10 cents; 30 cent for 15 cents.

Ladies' Hose.

Ladies' seamless hose, high spliced, double sole, guaranteed stainless, 15 cents per pair, or 2 pairs for 25 cents.

Ladies' prime Hermsdorf black cotton, absolutely fast and stainless, high spliced heel and double sole, 20 cents per pair.

Ladies' fast black for 5 cents; better quality for 10 cents.

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Hats.

You will find at our establishment the best selected stock of hats in town, from 25 cents to \$3.

See some of our specials in men's and boys' for Easter.

Lot of men's and boys' straws, from 20 cents to \$1.50.

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By virtue of one F. F. issued from the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Ala., and to me directed, I will proceed to sell, in front of the Court House, in the town of Columbiana, on the 29th day of May, 1899, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, to-wit:

Southeast 1/4, section 16, township 20, range 2 east, all in Shelby County, Ala.

Levied upon as the property of L. S. Bradford, E. S. Bradford, and M. E. Bradford, to satisfy said F. F. in my hands in favor of T. J. Martin.

This 24th day of April, 1899.

E. F. VEST, Sheriff.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a mortgage made by Claude N. Pitts and Mary V. Pitts on the hereinafter described lands in Shelby County, and recorded in Book 30, page 370 et seq., Probate Office of said County, Ala., which mortgage is payable to The American Mortgage Company of Scotland (Limited) of Edinburgh, Scotland, we will sell in front of Court House door of said County, at public outcry, for cash, during the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, the 31st day of May, 1899, the following described lands, conveyed by said mortgages, to-wit: The north 1/4 of northwest 1/4 and southwest 1/4 of northwest 1/4, section 10; and the northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4, section 9, township 20, range 2 east; bounded north by J. L. Waldball's lands, on the east by lands of T. J. Martin and W. W. Wallace, on the south by lands of W. W. Wallace, on the west by lands of J. W. Pitts and W. W. Wallace. Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the debt, interest and expenses of sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

THE AMERICAN MORTGAGE COMPANY OF SCOTLAND (LIMITED) OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, Mortgagees.

By W. R. NELSON & J. L. PETERS, Attorneys.

Notice of Application to Sell Real Estate.

State of Alabama, Shelby County.—Probate Court, February 16, 1899.

Estate of W. A. Standifer and S. B. Z. Standifer, minors.

This day came M. A. F. Standifer, guardian of said estate of said minors, and filed her application in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein, and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of maintenance and education of said minors, to-wit: W. A. Standifer and S. B. Z. Standifer.

It is ordered that the 11th day of May, 1899, be appointed a day for hearing such application, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

A. P. LONGSHORE, Judge of Probate.

Probate Notice.

Estate of ELAM BOOTH, deceased. Probate Court.

Letters of administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of March, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

E. F. VEST, Administrator.

Probate Notice.

Estate of MAHALA J. NICHOLS, deceased. Probate Court.

Letters of administration of said estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of February, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

J. D. LOWE, Administrator.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Angelina Killough, deceased. Probate Court.

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of February, 1899, by the Hon. A. P. Longshore, Judge of the Probate Court of Shelby County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

E. F. VEST, Sheriff, Administrator.

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THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Points About People You Know and Some You Don't Know.
News From Different Beats.

"See sheriff's sale" in another column.

W. B. Brown went to Calera Monday.

J. R. White was sick the first of the week.

Jim Robertson spent Tuesday on Yellow Leaf.

Jim Oakley, of Ashby, was in the city yesterday.

See notice of mortgage sale in another column.

John Hall, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

W. P. Eason, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday.

A. H. Avery, of Shelby, was in the city Tuesday.

Prof. F. Mynatt, is confined to his room with fever.

Planters CUBAN OIL cures
Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.
For sale by Columbiana Drug Co.

Dr. T. G. Nelson, of Harpersville, was in town Monday.

W. E. Harrison, of Dogwood, was in the city Tuesday.

E. B. Nelson was in Birmingham a few days this week.

Miss Ella Tallant visited friends at Wilsonville last week.

I. D. Mason is reported much improved at this writing.

Walter Lester, of Yellow Leaf, was in the city yesterday.

Sam Wallace of Harpersville, spent Tuesday in the city.

Rev. S. R. Lester, of Springville, is in the city visiting relatives.

J. T. Leeper returned Monday from a business trip to Mobile.

Planters CUBAN RELIEF cures
Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cents.
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J. W. Thompson is confined to his room on account of sickness.

Col. Will Page spent several days this week at Dogwood on business.

The Misses Hammond entertained the little folks Friday night.

Miss Lola Strickland, of Waxahatchie, is visiting relatives in the city.

Joe Roberts, of Sylacauga, was among friends here Friday and Saturday.

E. W. Chapman, of Montevallo, spent Sunday and Monday with his family.

H. C. Hale, of Ganadارقة, was in the city Friday en route to the institute.

Fayette Ray and J. W. Millstead, of Wilsonville, were in the city Tuesday.

Planters HUIAN TEA cures
Dyspepsia, Constipation and Indigestion. Regulates the Liver. Price, 25 cents.
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John H. Grimes, who lives seven miles north of town, has a very sick child.

Mrs. Margaret Edwards, of Childersburg, is visiting I. D. Mason and family.

Mrs. A. M. Elliott and children visited relatives in Sylacauga Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Edwards, of Childersburg, visited the bedside of I. D. Mason the first of the week.

Prof. F. Mynatt and J. E. Bird attended the institute at Wilsonville Friday and Saturday.

Miss Mattie Worsham, of Harpersville, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beavers the first of the week.

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Miss Ida O'Hara took in the institute at Wilsonville and remained over with relatives till Monday.

"What's the matter" with giving your horse or mule a dose of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic when he has colic? It will cure him; and that's what you want. For sale by druggists and country merchants.

A most pleasant "outing" was given by Dr. and Mrs. Lovett to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Dykes and Miss Belle Huett at the mill pond last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Lovett served a most delicious lunch at 5:30, after which the party returned home. It goes without saying, the fortunate party spent a most delightful time.

Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic is the most wonderful healing compound offered to the public. For abrasion of the skin, laceration of the flesh, burns by flame or steam, hot metal, rope burns, or sunburn, ringworm, "poison-oak," etc., it is pre-eminently superior to anything. One trial will convince the most skeptical. Sold by all wide-awake druggists.

Misses Georgia and Belle Cromwell attended the institute Friday and Saturday at Wilsonville.

The finest condensed soup in the world, 6 portions from one portion, price 10 cents. J. H. Hammond.

We are glad to meet Charley Pearson on our streets again after a long and severe attack of fever.

Miss Pattie Mason, of Tuscaloosa Female College, spent several days in the city this week with relatives.

Rev. J. E. Bird preached in the M. E. Church Sunday at 10 a. m., and Rev. S. N. Burns at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Bessie Robertson, accompanied by her brother Frank, visited friends in Wilsonville yesterday.

C. E. Greek and Misses Ethel Greek and Bessie Hoskins, of Aldrich, are visiting friends in the city.

Misses Pearl Norris, T. and Oza Hammond, and Messrs. John Leeper and Ed. Walls constituted a fishing party to Beeswax last Thursday.

Quite a number of young men from Shelby were in the city Sunday afternoon, being entertained by some of our beautiful and charming young ladies.

Misses Catherine Owen, Bessie Carter, and Hattie Harrell, three of Shelby's charming young ladies, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

We can recommend "Our Own Compound Extract of Sarsaparilla" as a blood medicine, because we know what it is. Columbiana Drug Co.

Hurrah for beat 9! One single farmer brings in and sells to J. H. Hammond 440 pounds nicely cured hams, weighing from 12 to 24 pounds each.

Teachers who intend to present themselves at the State examinations should read the card of Prof. J. B. Kilpatrick, of Montevallo, which appears in this issue.

Several young gentlemen and ladies from here attended a moonlight picnic and dance at Shelby Springs Monday night. Music was furnished by the Shelby band, and quite a nice time was had.

Hazlehurst, Miss, March 9, '92. Having tried Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, I can say it is a good remedy for cuts, bruises, etc.

B. D. Gray, Pastor Baptist Church. Only 50 cts. a bottle by Hall Drug Co.

Miss Ruby Looney, who was one of the efficient teachers in our school during the term recently closed, returned to her home at Fayetteville Monday. Miss Looney has won many friends during her stay with us, who will be glad to see her back again when it is her pleasure.

Wanted—Everybody and his wife to go to the Hall Drug Company and get a bottle of Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, the most wonderful healing compound of the nineteenth century. It preserves the flesh, prevents inflammation or suppuration, and heals like magic. Pleasant as perfume and stainless as rose water.

Monday afternoon some of the ladies of the Baptist Church met at the residence of Mrs. L. C. Armstrong, and organized a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, with the following as officers: Mrs. W. G. Parker, president; Mrs. L. C. Armstrong, vice-president; Miss Susie McGee, secretary and treasurer.

Have you seen them? If not, you've a pleasure to come. At present the best sight in town is our handsome stock of new goods, which includes the pick of the market, in bright, fresh, new styles and novelties for the coming season. Our buying has been done with a view to offering you the best styles, the best qualities, and the best price concessions.

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School Exhibition.

Prof. W. H. Bird, teacher of Mt. Era school, will give an exhibition at that place on the evening of May 5, 1899, beginning at 7 o'clock. All invited. An interesting program has been prepared. A special invitation is extended to the County Superintendent of Education.

May Festival at Birmingham.

On account of the May Festival to be held at Birmingham, May 5-8, 1899, the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Birmingham, Ala., and return from points within a radius of 200 miles of that point at the rate of one fare for the round trip; tickets to be sold 4th, 5th, and 6th, with final limit to return May 12, 1899. Also, from points within a radius of 150 miles of Birmingham, tickets will be sold at something less than one fare for the round trip on May 5th and 6th, with final limit to return May 9, 1899. For further information, call on Southern Railway ticket agent.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Good Attendance—Proceedings Interesting and Instructive.

The Shelby County Teachers' Institute convened at Wilsonville April 20th, and was called to order by Supt. Eugene Williams at 10 a. m. His address was short, stirring, and to the point. After singing No. 224, a scripture lesson was read by J. R. Edmunds; then the address of welcome, royally spoken, was delivered by A. E. Burns, in the name of the hospitable and progressive people of Wilsonville. Song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Enrollment of teachers. The following were in attendance:

Supt. Eugene Williams, H. M. Abercrombie, J. M. Mundine, W. A. Gorman, H. C. Hale, John R. Edmunds, S. Crumpton, S. J. Strook, G. B. Wheeler, C. H. Florey, J. E. Bird, P. Mynatt, T. A. Huston, A. J. Dennis, Miss A. G. Dunlap, Mrs. Wallace, Miss Maggie Smith, Miss Minnie Kidd, Miss Annie Clisby, Miss Cora Smith, Miss George Cromwell, Miss Bessie Nimms, Miss Ida O'Hara, Miss Alice Brown.

Institute addressed by S. S. Crumpton, on "Pedagogy as a Profession"; G. B. Wheeler, "Corporal Punishment in Schools"; H. M. Abercrombie, "How to Gain the Pupils' Confidence"; J. M. Mundine, "The New Teacher."

Report of committee on assigning teachers to homes was submitted. The committee consisted of:

Mayor Henry Weldon, Rev. A. E. Burns, Prof. Edmunds, J. F. Pope, Miss Alice Brown.

Institute adjourned till 1:30 p. m., at which hour it was again called to order.

After singing "Gathering Home," and prayer by J. E. Bird, the institute, at the suggestion of Supt. E. Williams, went into the election of president, which resulted in the selection of Rev. A. E. Burns, who declined on the plea of previous engagement. F. Mynatt was unanimously elected to fill the place. J. E. Bird gave an able delineation of "Common Fractions," followed by Messrs. Edmunds, Mynatt, and Miss O'Hara, and several salient points were evolved. Song, "Stepping in the Light." Paper on "English Grammar" by Miss Ida O'Hara; further discussion by Mrs. Dunlap, Miss Cora Smith, Prof. Mynatt, Bird, Mundine, the result of which was that teaching language instead of grammar gives most desirable effects. "Percentage" was the subject assigned to Prof. Florey and Mynatt, and they showed that percentage is best taught by analysis. The institute then adjourned till 7:30 p. m. and was again called to order at that hour. "Simplifying Denominate Numbers," by S. S. Crumpton, and discussed by C. H. Florey and F. Mynatt, evolved the idea of making plain—not theoretically, but practically—arithmetic as applied to commonplace, everyday life. J. E. Bird asked the institute whether denominate numbers should be omitted until the pupil has learned percentage, which was answered by favoring their introduction at the beginning of arithmetic. Discussion of "The Teacher as a Student" and "Mind Culture." "Should the State Educate the Children?" brought on a storm of varied and contradictory logic, and was decided thus: "Whereas the parents constitute the State, the State should put forth every effort to make a common school education possible for every child of the common masses of the common people." Reading of new school law and explanation by Supt. E. Williams. Adjourned.

Saturday, the institute was called to order at 8:30 a. m. Song, "Blessed be Thy Name." Prayer by G. B. Wheeler. The chairman then appointed the following as a committee to draft a resolution of thanks: J. E. Bird, Misses Ida O'Hara and Maggie Smith. "Errors in Our Common School System," by Miss Annie Clisby, revealed an improper distribution of funds: the centres get too much, and the country at large gets too little. "Too Much Work Crowded in a Term," and "Using the Profession of Teaching as a Stepping-stone to Other Professions" were taken up and discussed. "Patriotism in School," by C. H. Florey, made plain the duty of inculcating patriotism and the propriety of having the National flag on school buildings; and Rev. Francis urged the keeping in memory "Our Southern flag, and its fallen but not dishonored flag. Neatness and Politeness in the Schoolroom," by Miss Minnie Kidd; and in the discussion that followed it was agreed that the teacher ought to be an object lesson in ethics of manners and habits. It was unanimously agreed to invite Prof. Stock and Gorman, of Talladega, to seats in the institute. "Discipline in the Schoolroom" was discussed by the institute, and the following points brought out: That corporal punishment is occasionally necessary; that all corrections should be deferred until the parties concerned have calmed; that rules in a very abbreviated form should be used. "How Best to Teach Orthography," by G. B. Wheeler, followed by Prof. Strook, showed that the combination of word and phonetic method is best adapted to a thorough mastery of orthography. "Literature in the School," was handled in a masterly style by Mrs. Kate Wallace, and the institute made a request for the paper, for publication as a teacher's guide.

to literary short cuts. Closing speech by Supt. Eugene Williams, in words of commendation and cheer. Report of committee on resolution of thanks. Reading of minutes. The president then declared the institute closed. Song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer by Rev. Francis. Prof. Mynatt officiated as chairman of the institute, and Miss Minnie Kidd as secretary.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, by the teachers of Shelby County in assembled institute—

1st. That we return our most cordial respect and appreciation to the good people of Wilsonville and community for their kind and generous entertainment afforded us during this present meeting of the institute.

2nd. That we also extend our thanks to Supt. Williams for his kindness in looking after the welfare of the teachers.

3rd. We thank the chairman and secretary for their services in presiding over the meeting with faithfulness.

4th. We also commend the lively interest manifested by the teachers of the county in their work, and we are hopeful for the day when our county shall take its place among the most progressive of the State. We are glad to see that more of the teachers participate in the discussions than formerly.

J. E. BIRD, MAGGIE SMITH, Committee. IDA O'HARA.

Proposed Confederate Veterans' Re-union.

Editor of the Advocate:

Sir:—Admit a few lines in reply to J. W. Johnston's card in reference to a re-union of the old Confederate veterans. I indorse all that Comrade Johnston said, and wish that he had said more. By all means, let us have the re-union! I have seen Private Brashear, and he approves of every step in that direction, provided it is indorsed by Private I. D. Mason. I would suggest that a representative veteran from each beat meet at J. W. Johnston's store in Columbiana on Saturday, May 20th, for the purpose of appointing the time and place for the re-union. I want everyone that indorses this to go to work, that we may have a good time, with every old Confederate in the county present.

J. M. CRENSHAW.

Lewis, Ala.

Christian Endeavor Social.

The Christian Endeavor social Friday night was quite a success. The recitations and readings were indeed good, and were most beautifully rendered; the music was also fine. The debate was very enjoyable, and caused much laughter. One of our young ladies can tell you how weighty the manuscripts were, also "if a woman has the right to change her mind." On a whole, the program was fine, and we hope the committee will give us another such treat in a few weeks.

Confederate Veterans.

The Southern Railway will make a very low rate to Charleston, S. C., and return for the occasion of the Confederate Veteran Re-union there May 10th-13th. Tickets will be sold May 8th, 9th, and 10th inclusive, with final limit May 21st. For further information, call on any agent Southern Railway, or write C. E. Jackson, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

Free Vegetable Seeds.

Hon. W. F. Aldrich has a quantity of vegetable seeds for free distribution in 4th Congressional District. Anyone not having received a package can get one by addressing A. F. HUGHES, Aldrich, Ala.

Redlawn.

Farmers are badly behind with their work.

Messrs. Powell and Atkins, of Talladega County, visited the family of W. C. Powell Saturday and Sunday.

Charlie Stamps was the escort of Miss Cora Roper Sunday.

J. W. Spearman was here Friday.

J. R. Rindley went to Columbiana Saturday.

Henry Taylor still keeps the road hot going to Lewis.

J. M. Lyon spent Sunday evening with P. Minor.

Miss Josiah Stinson and her brother Sam passed through our parts Sunday on their way to Mr. Roper's.

L. B. Biddle was the escort of Miss Eva Farr Sunday.

Rev. T. V. Neal, of Wilsonville, was in our town Saturday.

L. Baker was the guest of Miss Louella Lyon Sunday.

Rev. Neal filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church Sunday and preached a very interesting sermon.

E. B. Teague spent Sunday at Harpersville.

While working the road Saturday, D. Stinson cut his foot, but we hope not badly.

Dr. E. B. Teague returned Sunday from East Lake, where he has been visiting for some time.

Sunday-school was poorly attended. We hope the people will do better next time.

We learn that there was no debate Saturday night. We hope it will not die out, for we believe it is a good thing. So let everybody come next Saturday night and bring some one along with them.

NEB.

Vandiver.

We are still having plenty of rain.

Farmers are badly behind with their work in this section.

Mrs. J. L. Parker, who has been sick at the home of her daughter, is much better. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

J. E. Salser, who is also on the sick list, is convalescing rapidly.

J. P. Butts and Miss Lola Babb made a tripp to Calcy's Sunday; not a business trip, but one of pleasure. We are sure they had a nice time.

J. W. Martin, of Montevallo, is in our midst, and will remain for several days, repairing our wayward time-pieces.

Mrs. J. M. Babb, who has been suffering severely from an inflamed hand, is recovering rapidly.

Col. E. L. Higdon, Mr. Moss, and others of Birmingham, who were out enjoying a fishing trip the latter part of the week, have returned to town, carrying with them a part of the inhabitants of Kelley's creeg as the result of their efforts.

George Lawley, of Sterrett, who has been in a critical condition owing to a loaded dray having run over him, is, we are glad to say, some better; and while at one time it seemed that he could not recover, we now believe that he will get well. We hope so, at least; and we know that his many friends hope for the same.

J. M. Mundine and H. M. Abercrombie, who attended the teachers' institute held at Wilsonville on the 21st and 22nd of this month, have returned, and report having had a very nice time. They desire to thank the people of Wilsonville for their kind and hospitable treatment.

MAJOR MOLLY.

Sterrett.

We are glad to say that George Lawley is improving.

Mrs. Ida Goodwin, of Brighton, returned home Sunday from a pleasant visit to her father's.

J. R. Dyke spent several days in Birmingham last week.

Jim Payton and Callie Faulkner, of this place, spent Sunday afternoon at Calcies.

We are glad to say that Miss Valsie Faulkner is improving.

Oscar Lawley, of Woodlawn, was in our midst Sunday.

Jim Milner's son, of Birmingham, was in our community last week hunting beef cattle.

The singing of Miss Belle Faulkner Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all present, and we kindly thank Miss Maud Byers and others for their nice music.

Rev. S. V. McGinnis preached a very entertaining sermon here Sunday, and will preach for us again next 4th Sunday.

Mr. Lilley and wife, Henryellen, attended preaching here Sunday.

QUAKER.

Saginaw.

The farmers are making good use of the pretty weather.

Rev. Carter, of East Lake, filled his appointment at Longview Sunday.

John E. Morris went to Wilsonville Friday on business.

W. H. Davidson and wife, of Dogwood, visited relatives here Sunday.

Will Ozley, of Birmingham, was on Tuesday called to the bedside of his mother, who is still very low with brain fever.

Rev. Harris went to Dogwood Sunday to fill his appointment there.

Mrs. Cora Linzey and Miss Scott Ozley, of Longview, visited relatives here Saturday.

Dr. Wiseheart, of Birmingham, is here for a few days to do dental work.

W. L. Dennis, H. C. Hale, Misses Annie Clisby and Alma Hale attended the teachers' institute at Wilsonville Friday and Saturday.

LEXIE.

Spring Creek.

Owing to the warm nights and cool mornings, colds are quite common among our people.

The farmers of this community are pushing their work with all their might.

Robert Webster and Clark Sturdivant are running a job of coaling near Keywahatchie.

Coln Simpson of Coosa County, was in our midst the 13th inst. Call again, Coln: we are always glad to see you.

A. H. M.: Have you quit prospecting for gold?

We have had several cases of roseola, or something which resembles it very much.

Miss Martha Merrell is visiting relatives and friends in Shelby.

A. H. Lovett got accidentally shot through the right leg by a falling pistol-shot. The bullet entered four or five inches above the ankle and ranged obliquely upward, passing between the tendon of Achilles and the fibula. He is doing well.

PEARL.

TELEGRAPHY

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Bright, New, SPRING and SUMMER GOODS for LADIES!

We have a fine line of Parasols, Dimities, White and Figured Piques, Organdies.

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Our stock is the finest and best assorted we have ever had. Our Milliner, Miss HORNE, has just returned from Atlanta, where she attended all the large Spring Openings. We assure the Ladies that she is well posted as to what is NEW, and we are fully prepared to supply the most artistic tastes.

Clothing.

In this department we can not be excelled, and will not be undersold by any house in this section. All the latest styles for

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Wilsonville, Ala.

GREAT INTRODUCTION SALE!

For the purpose of more widely introducing OUR OWN COMPOUND EXTRACT SARSAPARILLA, we will sell, FOR THE NEXT 30 DAYS ONLY, this excellent blood medicine at the very low price of

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This preparation is conceded to be the most reliable medicine for the renovation of the blood and for the restoration of tone and strength to the system debilitated by sickness and loss of appetite. It combines in a scientific and agreeable manner the most highly recommended vegetable alteratives and tonics.

REMEMBER this offer is for 30 DAYS ONLY, beginning April 6th. We have only a limited number of

bottles in stock, and if you need a spring medicine

you can find no better than "OUR OWN."

NEWS DEPARTMENT.

In this department we keep constantly on hand all the leading magazines and periodicals, as well as a complete line of standard 25 cent novels. By our new plan you may read any of our 25 cent novels

"Courage and Strength in Times of Danger."

Read the warning between the lines. What is that warning? It is of the danger from accumulation of badness in the blood, caused by the usual heavy living of the winter months. Spring is the clearing, cleansing time of the year; the forerunner of the brightness and beauty of glorious summer.

Follow the principle that Nature lays down. Start in at once and purify your blood with that great purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints.

Tumors. "A tumor as big as a large marble came under my tongue, and instead of letting my physician operate on it, I used my favorite spring tonic, Hood's Sarsaparilla. The tumor soon disappeared." Mrs. H. M. CONNOR, 570 Mark St., Lowell, Mass.

Rheumatism. "I had rheumatism for five years and can conscientiously say that Hood's Sarsaparilla has given me entire relief. As a blood purifier it has helped my children wonderfully." Mrs. S. A. SAGAN, 8 Franklin Avenue, Passaic, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and the only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Wooden Cannon.

Quaker guns, that is the trunks of trees, blackened to look like cannon, have often been used to deceive the enemy, but in the Chinese civil wars of three years ago actual cannon made of wood were used. They were made from the trunks of hardwood trees, shaped, bored by means of red-hot pipes from the sugar mills, dried in hot-air draughts and bound with strong ox hides. They made fairly serviceable artillery, one piece being fired more than a hundred times before showing signs of weakness. The projectiles were scrap iron, stones and fire-hardened clay. At the taking of Amoy, wooden cannon used by the Chinese were found, and bamboo artillery has been employed by the Japanese.

The Duchess of Cleveland is the sole survivor of Queen Victoria's bridesmaids.

TUMOR EXPELLED.

Unqualified Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Mrs. ELIZABETH WHELOCK, Magnolia, Iowa, in the following letter describes her recovery from a very critical condition:

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THIEF-TAKING IN ZANZIBAR.

A Negro Medicine Man's Way of Working the Third Degree on Suspects.

This story of thief-taking in Zanzibar was told by a woman who was one of the guests at a Lenten luncheon.

"The English Consul," she said, "was robbed of a silver dinner service and the police advised him to call in a medicine man if he wanted to get it back. So he sent for the medicine man and invited his friends in to see the fun."

"The day came and with it the medicine man, who was a little, old, squat, repulsive-looking negro, so small as barely to escape being a dwarf. The only things that the medicine man brought with him were four little sticks twelve or sixteen inches long and as thick through as my little finger. He asked for a small low table, squatted down before it Turk fashion, held two of the sticks, one in either hand, and ordered the Consul to sit opposite him and hold the other two sticks, allowing the tips to rest gently on the table. All the servants were in the next room with the door closed. The medicine man rolled his eyes ceilingward and began muttering some gibberish that we took to be an incantation."

"I soon noticed that the Consul looked distressed and uneasy, and bending over him, I asked him the reason. He said: 'Why, I can hardly hold these sticks; they tug as if some one had hold of the other end and was trying to pull them away from me.' He was joked a bit about his vivid imagination. One of the men offered to and did relieve him, only to find out that it was no joke; the magic power of the medicine man's incantation made holding the sticks a real physical effort. Did I try holding them myself? Yes, but I can tell you very little of that satisfied me. What do I think it is? Oh, I don't know. Devil worship or something else, but let me go back to catching the thief."

"One of the servants was admitted and ordered to place his two hands on the table. He did it, nothing happened, the medicine man kept on his incantations for a minute or more, then said to the servant: 'You can go; it is not you.' One after another was called, with no result. The performance was beginning to grow monotonous, when I came the coachman, a man who had been in the Consul's employ for years. Scarcely had he put his hands on the table when the sticks held by his master gave a mighty tug and closed around one of his wrists, while the two sticks in the medicine man's hand snapped hold of his other wrist. The coachman did not wait to be accused, but blurted right out: 'I did not do it alone! There are others in it, too.' Well, sure enough, there were others in it, who at once confessed. The dinner set was recovered."

Absent-Mindedness Cured.
Once upon a time a very lovely lady, who lives in I street—or at least I think it is I street—advertised for a butler. Divers and sundry persons applied for the place, and among them one man pleased her very much indeed. He had been butler, he said, for General Such-a-One, and was quite sure, would recommend him. Accordingly, madame sat down to write a note to Mrs. General Such-a-One, asking about him. Now, madame as all her acquaintances know, is the most absent-minded woman the shadow of the mountain ever fell on. She wrote the note, but in it there was no mention of Higgins, the butler. Instead the note read:

"Dear Madame—Will you kindly tell me what the habits and characteristics of General Such-a-One are, and how long he has lived with you?"
Mrs. General's reply drove all the cobwebs from the absent-minded woman's brain.

"Madame," it ran, "as to General Such-a-One's habits and characteristics, they are matters of which public record will inform you. As to how long he has lived with me, it is none of your business."

And the last four words were emphatically underlined.

A Dress of Spider's Web.
One of the promised wonders of the Paris exposition of 1900 is to be a dress made of spider's web. The idea is by no means novel, for Reaumur and other men of science long ago thought that the delicate threads spun by the common or garden spider might be utilized for industrial purposes, and so far back as in 1709 some small articles—such as socks and mittens—of this material were submitted to the Academy des Sciences. But there was an unsurmountable difficulty in domesticating the varieties of the insect found or in collecting their product in a wild state. Father Cambone, however, a Catholic missionary in Madagascar, has discovered a big spider, known to the Hovas as a halabe, which can be tamed, under the influence of chloroform, to spin some 4,000 yards of thread per month, and this thread is so strong as to bear a weight of over half a pound, and so elastic as to stretch more than twelve per cent. of its length. In the school of military ballooning cords made from the new material have been used with much success for the netting of balloons, combining, as they do, the maximum of strength and elasticity with the minimum of weight.

One Way to be Charitable.
One of the oldest ways of being charitable at someone else's expense was related by a well-known restaurant keeper one day recently. He said:

"Just at the noon rush hour a well-dressed man entered my establishment, accompanied by three children of various ages, garbed in garments which looked as though they were constructed of the whitest cast-off clothes. He hungry, and ordered a sort of dainties, which they ate with relish, while he sat and looked on, eating nothing. As a final touch, when the waiter came to take the children's money, he said: 'The children he was going to buy a cigar, he left the room—and the building. The waiter, wondering at his long absence, after a while asked the children, 'where is your papa?'"

"Oh, he isn't our papa!" said one of the boys, meekly. "He's just a man we see lookin' in the window and wishin' for the good things, and he tell us to come along and get somethin' to eat."

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INTERESTING ITEMS.
New Zealand contains at present 42,000 natives (Maoris) and 626,000 whites.

Johann Strauss, the composer, is now 73 years old and crippled with rheumatism.

Sinal congregation, of Chicago, has voted to pay its rabbi, Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, who was recently called to the Temple Emanuel, in New York, an annual salary of \$15,000 for fifteen years.

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At Rockwood, Australia, is the largest cemetery in the world. It covers 2,000 acres. Only a plot of 200 acres has been used thus far, in which 100,000 persons of all nationalities have been buried.

Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, has spent many years in scientific study and has become an expert electrician. He will himself superintend the erection of the great electric plant he is to put up in San Francisco.

Schools in Cuba and Elsewhere.
Prof. J. F. Draughon, who recently visited Cuba with a view of investigating the outlook for establishing a school in Havana, Cuba, next fall, on his return, visited Savannah, Ga., where he arranged to open a well-equipped Business College June 15.

Professor Draughon now has flourishing Business Colleges located in Nashville, Tenn., Galveston and Texas, Ark., Tex. These colleges have superior courses of instruction, and special facilities for securing positions. See Professor Draughon's ad. elsewhere in this issue, and write for his catalogue.

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"Catty" is a weight still in use in the treaty ports of China. When the Chinese first sold tea to the Europeans they enclosed it in little lacquer cases, which each weighed a "catty," and in due time were called tea caddies, and at last tea caddies.

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There have been 503 deaths from typhoid in Philadelphia since the beginning of the year. The number of cases up to date is 5,001.

NOTES OF SCIENCE.

It is now pretty thoroughly settled that the British and Germans will work together in the Antarctic expedition that it is proposed to send out next year for two years exploration work in and about Victoria Land. The location of the southern magnetic pole will be one of the labors of the party, elaborate plans for which are now being perfected in Germany. The Royal Geographical society of Great Britain has raised nearly \$200,000 to carry on the work of the English section of the expedition.

A German chemist, Dr. Goldschmidt, has discovered the process of reducing chromium with aluminum so as to produce a very pure metallic chromium at a cost of but a few marks per kilogram. The metal will not oxidize in the open air, and he is